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# White House completes final worker rule review

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The White House's Office of Management and Budget completed on Tuesday the review of the long-awaited final rule on the Commonwealth-only transitional worker program, ahead of the Sept. 15 review period deadline.

» **CNMI awaits DHS publication**  
» **Release was ahead of schedule**

Officials and community members said yesterday that they expect the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to soon publish the regulations, with barely three months to

go before Nov. 27.

Nov. 27, 2011 is the last day of the two-year period allowed under the federalization law wherein workers can still remain in the CNMI using a Commonwealth-issued permit.

After that, foreign workers need to have a U.S. employment visa such as a transitional CW visa or an H visa, or they could face deportation.

The White House provided an update on the status of its review of the worker regulations.

This information is available at <http://www.uscis.gov/public/do/eoReviewSearch>.

It says the White House's Office of Management and Budget received the

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## USPS unveils new CNMI stamp



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Visiting U.S. Postal Service officials from Honolulu join government officials during the unveiling of the new CNMI postage stamp at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center yesterday morning. From left, USPS Director for Asia-Pacific International Relations Leo B. Tudela, Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and USPS Honolulu District manager Daryl A. Ishizaki.

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Sale Ceremony at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday morning.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), U.S. Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan, and visiting USPS officials from Guam and Hawaii led the small number of community members that attended the special ceremony.

The new stamp, which depicts the CNMI flag with the islands' impressive sandy beaches and rows of palm trees as its backdrop, was launched by the U.S. Postal Service in a special First Day of

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## DHS help sought for NMC students with pending 'green card,' F-1 visa applications

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The United Workers Movement-NMI is seeking the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's help in ensuring that Northern Marianas College students with pending



"green card" or F-1 foreign student visa applications are allowed to continue enrolling at NMC in the next semester.

UWM-NMI president Rabby Syed, in an interview yesterday, said a formal let-

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# Local



## Fitial removes CDA board member for 'dereliction of duty'

### »Also formally names Superior Court judge

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial removed Nathan M. Quichocho as a member of both the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s board of directors on Wednesday, citing "dereliction of duty."

Fitial cited Quichocho's absences from NMHC's board meetings that resulted in delayed actions on important projects. He said Quichocho's absence and inaction has been a "hindrance" to NMHC and CDA.

The governor immediately notified Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) that he's appointing Edwin P. Aldan who, if confirmed by the Senate, will serve Quichocho's remaining term that will expire on July 8, 2014.

Fitial, at the same time, formally appointed on Wednesday former House floor leader and attorney Joseph James N. Camacho to serve as an associate judge for the CNMI Superior Court.

The governor previously told reporters he will be appointing Camacho, whose candidacy for delegate got the governor's support and endorsement in 2010. Camacho lost to Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who is serving his second term as the CNMI's first and so far only delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Camacho's nomination requires the Senate's advice and consent.

"If confirmed, Mr. Camacho will serve a six-year term," Fitial told the Senate president in a letter received yesterday.

Fitial said he's confident that Camacho is "well qualified and will be a valued asset" to the

CNMI Judiciary.

The Senate president, when asked for comment yesterday, said the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations will review Camacho's nomination.

Manglona said the Senate didn't expect the governor to appoint anyone this soon.

Manglona is the author of an initiative that seeks to reduce the number of associate judges from "at least four" to "at least three," saying the fewer number of cases filed in the past years and the economic hardships no longer justify the need to have at least four associate judges.

Camacho was at the Senate yesterday.

### Quichocho's attendance

The governor sent a one-page letter to Quichocho dated Aug. 10, and copies of which were received yesterday by the Senate, among other agencies.

"In anticipation of your resignation as expressed by you, this letter serves to remove you for cause from your post as a director for the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation on the grounds of dereliction of duty pursuant to 4 CMC 10304," Fitial told Quichocho.

The governor also told Quichocho that he was sworn in as a di-

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### Fitial officially transmits Camacho's appointment letter as associate judge

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday officially transmitted to the Senate his letter appointing former House floor leader and attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho as associate judge in the Superior Court.

In the letter dated Aug. 10, 2011, Fitial told Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) that he is confident that Camacho is "well qualified and will be a valued asset to the Commonwealth Judiciary."

The nomination requires the advice and consent of the Senate. If the Senate confirmed the nomination, Camacho will serve a six-year term.

Asked for comment about his appointment, Camacho said he is very honored by Fitial's nomination to "such a prestigious and honorable position."

"My wife Viola Alepuyo and our families are also very grateful and appreciate Governor Fitial's trust and confidence to fill the vacancy of Honorable Judge Ramona V.

Manglona," Camacho said.

The recent confirmation of Manglona as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI has caused vacancy on the Superior Court bench.

Camacho ran for lieutenant governor as independent in 2009 under the ticket of Juan Pan Guerrero. In the succeeding runoff election, he threw his support behind Fitial, giving Fitial the much needed votes to win re-election over Heinz Hofsneider.

Camacho ran for U.S. Delegate in 2010 under the Covenant Party, but came in second behind Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

Camacho was an instrumental member of Fitial's Blue Ribbon Committee that successfully merged and transitioned Fitial and other Covenant Party members to the Republican Party.

Last week, by a vote of 8-0, the Senate passed an initiative reducing the number of associate judges from at least four to three. The CNMI Constitution requires on presiding judge and at least four associate judges.

## IN IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL POLICY

# Commissioner assures no teacher shortfall

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Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan assured the community and education stakeholders in the CNMI that all public schools will not run short of teachers next month despite the departure of a significant number of classroom teachers who did not meet the highly qualified personnel policy.

On July 31, the board implemented the HQT policy pursuant to its goal to provide quality education in public schools. The said policy is also pursuant to the No Child Behind Act of 2001 which bars all school districts to hire non-highly qualified teachers.

In the CNMI Public School System, three requirements were set: degree, teaching certificates, and Praxis.

The system ended school year 2010-2011 with an 83 percent

HQT rate. Sablan said a final and updated number are yet to be available as of this week. It was early this year when PSS issued 90-day notice to 137 personnel, majority of whom were classroom teachers, for non-compliance with the board requirements.

Classes for public schools open on Sept. 5 and PSS has projected a slight increase in enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year.

The commissioner said PSS will welcome several hires from off-island and within the Commonwealth who are all highly qualified.

"I don't anticipate any shortfall on highly qualified teachers because we have several recruits that are coming in both from off-island and within the CNMI," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that these individuals will fill the posts vacated soon," she said.

requirements and standards.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that besides not meeting the HQT requirements, those who left PSS also included individuals who resigned and relocated elsewhere.

"We [leadership] have been working closely with all school principals on their staffing pattern and recruitment. I am confident that we can fill all the needed vacated [highly qualified] positions soon," she said.

Among the public schools that were interviewed by *Saipan Tribune*, only Marianas High School has so far the biggest number of needed teachers post to be filled. MHS acting principal Cherlyn Cabrera disclosed

that 10 teachers are needed for this school year. From 1,295 enrollees last year, the largest high school in the CNMI has, as of yesterday, registered 1,455. MHS has about 40 teachers.

At Saipan Southern High School, principal Jesse Tudela said he currently has 31 teachers, enough to accommodate over 800 enrollees next month.

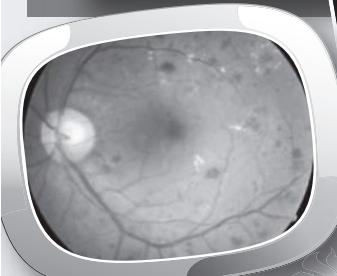
Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia Demapan said

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yesterday that her school only needs three teachers to complete its 24 FTEs and recruitment is ongoing for a second grade teacher and a special education teacher.

At Chacha Junior High School, principal Vince dela Cruz said the school needs only two teachers for language arts and social studies for this school year. It has 13 teachers and 350 registered students as of Tuesday.

ing a decrease in enrollment due to rezoning of some villages. As of this week, it has 43 teachers and registered 1,186 students.

At Hopwood Junior High School, principal Jonas Barcina, meantime, revealed that he is recruiting six additional teachers for science, social studies, and language arts. The school is expect-

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# GTA awaits CNMI Legislature's confirmation of CPUC member

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Members of the Senate and House took turns asking Joaquin S. Manglona on a host of issues during a public hearing yesterday on his nomination to serve on the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, which GTA TeleGuam also hopes will soon be able to decide on their pending application to become a local exchange carrier in the CNMI.

Manglona's confirmation by the Senate and House will pave the way for the CPUC to decide on the application of GTA Services LLC, doing business as GTA TeleGuam.

CPUC currently has one member, Viola Alepuyo.

It will require at least two CPUC members to decide on GTA's application filed with the commission on March 22 to become a local exchange carrier on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Once confirmed by the House and Senate, Manglona will serve a four-year term that will expire on July 21, 2015.

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regulations on June 15, and concluded its review on Aug. 9.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan said yesterday that the White House's completion of its review will pave the way for DHS to soon publish the regulations.

"This is good news... It (rule) should be coming out sooner than we thought," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday morning.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is also "pleased to see the advancement in the process of promulgating the long awaited CW regulations," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

"Given that the final rule has not been disclosed to the administration at this point, the administration is hopeful that DHS was able to take into consideration the recommendations of the local government," Demapan added.

Sablan said having the regulations in place will help the whole CNMI.

"We need to start moving forward. This is good. This is good for business, this is good for the Northern Marianas. And it puts in place protocol on how to get the workers that we still need here and also move us forward in the transition period. This is a very anxious time for many of us," he added.

The delegate reiterated that the CW regulations is entirely separate from the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation to Congress to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years.

Sablan said the CW rule is also separate from his HR 1466, which seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status for limited groups of people in the CNMI.

The delegate said he again recently met with DHS officials before leav-



Sablan

Daniel J. Tydingco, GTA executive vice president, testified at the public hearing in the Senate chamber yesterday morning in support of "movement on the nomination to CPUC."

"Our application cannot be addressed until we have a nomination in place," Tydingco said.

He said GTA has already submitted all the required documents to CPUC.

"What's left is they need to have at least two members to act on the issuance of the certificate," Tydingco added.

Manglona, when asked for comment on the GTA application, said all he can say is that "competition is always good for consumers."

GTA's Tydingco said "ultimately," competition "will render better services and lower prices."

Manglona also said once confirmed, he will be looking at the current power rates which he said are "too high." He said businesses have already closed shop and residents have been leaving the CNMI because of the high cost of living, mainly power and water rates.

ing Washington, D.C.

He said DHS has an implementation plan in place, and that plan includes sending officials and representatives to the CNMI for an outreach and educational sessions on the CW regulations.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members, is also looking forward to reading the regulations.

"Let's read through the regulations and their comments to try and figure out what our next step will be," Chamber president Douglas Brennan said.

Another from the business sector said waiting for the release of the CW regulations "is like waiting for a two-year delayed rebate check from the CNMI government. And we are supposed to be grateful when it's finally released?"

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), for his part, said the White House's completed review is "good news," and is looking forward to reading the regulations.

### Parole, advance parole

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said it's been a long wait for the release of the worker regulations.

"I am asking the worker community to be prepared while we are waiting for the rules. Once the rules are out, we need to do a lot more to continue our fight to have improved status for longterm nonresidents," he said.

The United Workers Movement has long been pushing for improved immigration status, particularly a grant of U.S. citizenship for legal aliens who have been in the CNMI for many years.

Syed said the delegate had already made it clear that the CW regulations are separate from the issue of improved immigration status for legal aliens.

"We will need to be more orga-

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), during the public hearing, asked whether Manglona could also consider having a larger fuel tank in the CNMI so that the Commonwealth can save "half-a-million" dollar annually in added costs by bringing fuel to Guam first before bringing it to the CNMI.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations, also asked Manglona to look into the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s compliance with federal regulations, laws and orders including those from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), who was also at the hearing, announced that the House will not be conducting a public hearing on Manglona's nomination separate from what the Senate held yesterday.

Cabrera said the House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chaired by Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) will be issuing a recommendation to the full House.

nized," he added.

The regulations are not yet posted in the Federal Register.

Syed said the workers' group is hoping that once the CW regulations are published and CW visas are issued, nonresident workers will no longer be required to apply for parole and advance parole every time they need to temporarily exit the CNMI for emergency or vacation so that they can be allowed to reenter the CNMI.

"The advance parole costs \$365 that workers need to pay. And if there's emergency that they need to exit, they can't process right away. We've asked DHS to please establish a program wherein they can issue the advance parole from here on Saipan, so that they don't have to forward the application to Guam and then send it back to Saipan," Syed said.

Boni Sagana, president of the Dekada Movement consists mostly of foreign workers, said yesterday that their members have expressed concern about the CNMI House of Representatives' adoption of a resolution that, in essence, opposes Sablan's HR 1466.

He said Dekada is now calling on its members who have relatives and friends who are in the United States mainland to start bringing the issue of HR 1466 to their respective congressmen.

"It's now out of the CNMI government's hands. The bill is now before U.S. congressmen. Those who have friends and relatives should start asking their congressmen to vote for Kilili's HR 1466," he said.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands; CNMI permanent residents; those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974, and Jan. 9, 1978; and the spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

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stamps, he said, will "help increase awareness of our islands among those who have yet to visit" and "serve as a fond reminder to those who have."

"This stamp issuance is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to educating others—both in the United States and around the world—about our islands," said Sablan.

Manglona, for his part, said the new CNMI stamp signifies "the pride of its people" and the Commonwealth's relationship with the U.S.

USPS director for Asia-Pacific International Relations Leo B. Tudela said the new CNMI stamp was among the chosen proposal out of the thousands received by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to be included in the fifth set of the USPS Flags of Our Nation stamp series.

Tudela said the Flags of Our Nation stamps were designed by Tom Engeman, a Delaware artist who "reproduced as accurately as possible complex elements such as state seals and coats of arms."

The fifth set is the first Flags of Our Nation set to be issued as Forever stamps, which always equal in value to the current First Class Mail one-ounce rate. The set also includes the flags of Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee.

"I think the CNMI should be very proud because this time, it's going to be all over the world. When people buy this stamp, they look at this flag and it kind of tells people where we are, what we are... This will signify and be paramount that we're U.S. and we're very proud," Tudela told reporters.

During the event, Tudela handed a framed enlarged copy of the new stamp and the rest of the stamps in the Flags of Our Nation fifth set to

Sablan and Manglona.

Tudela was joined by USPS district manager Daryl A. Ishizaki, Sablan, and Manglona in unveiling the new stamp, which is the second dedicated CNMI postage stamp. The first one was issued on November 1993 and featured the Commonwealth flag, a female islander, and two latte stones.

Ishizaki, in an interview, said the dedication ceremony is "very special" to USPS as the Flags of Our Nation stamp series is a chance to celebrate its relationship with all the states, districts, and territories, helping put CNMI in the map as well.

"This gives us an opportunity to... share how important the Mariana Islands are to United States, that they're connected with us in the USPS, that it's part of our service territory," he said.

Former Saipan Mayor Juan Tudela expressed appreciation to USPS officials who joined in the celebration of the new CNMI stamp. "For me, it's a very happy and great day for the CNMI to have another Postal Service stamp."

DFS Saipan Ltd. president and Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce emphasized that the new CNMI stamp is "a wonderful thing" that will bring more awareness about the islands and help its tourism industry.

"I think it's another thing we can add, as something that's our own now, a special recognition from the United States that we are part of the family," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "Being part of the U.S. is something that our visitors see as a safe destination, so it's a very good thing."

Yesterday's event marked the first day that the latest set of the Flags of Our Nation was made available for purchase in the CNMI and across the U.S. It also featured a special hand cancellation of the new CNMI stamp for free. Attendees were able to buy the set in strips of 10 for \$4.40 and in coils of 50 for \$22.

## DHS

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ter will be sent to DHS by next week to request a parole in place "or any kind of status" that will allow these nursing students to enroll and continue studying at NMC "while their applications are still pending."

"I will be requesting DHS to come up with immediate relief... so these students can finish their studies... I hope DHS will not take this as a request for improved status," Syed told *Saipan Tribune*.

At least 12 NMC nursing students asked NMC president Sharon Hart in an Aug. 2 letter to help allow them to register in the next semester.

"We are not sure why, now, after earlier certifying our enrollment, the Office of Admissions and Records is refusing to register us for this upcoming semester until the visas actually arrive," the nursing students told Hart.

The students who signed the letter included five from the graduating class of 2012, and seven from the graduating class of seven.

They included Ryan Balboa, Giselle Butalid, Rachelle Alturas, Dul Bahadur Khadka, Edith Villamena, Yue Quiao Mi-Belky, Xajun Ning, Yixin Zhang, Ernest Guerrero, Mark Espeleta, Bryan James Balboa, and

Mary Ann Duremdes.

They said this is not the first time this situation has occurred. They said students were allowed to register for the past two semesters pending the arrival of their visas.

The students said in most cases, original F-1 visas are required for students to enter the United States.

"We are continuing students already in the United States awaiting visa renewals... Not being allowed to register will pose a significant problem for all of us if the delay causes us to miss class time," they said.

Syed said the students who wrote the letter were immediate relatives of U.S. citizens.

"They're also guessing that some 30 percent of NMC students will be in the same situation. Those who wrote the NMC president are only nursing students. They don't include other students with different courses," he added.

The five NMC nursing students in this year's graduating class said they have already devoted three or more years in getting to this point in their field of study.

"If we are not able to begin courses on time, our graduation may be delayed for an additional year. We will also be in violation of our F-1 visa requirement to be attending school," they said, adding that this will adversely affect NMC's Nursing Program.

# NMC president waives exemption to 10-percent salary cut

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Northern Marianas College president Sharon Hart waived

## DHS files 30 more removal cases

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The Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement has filed new removal cases against 30 persons before the Saipan U.S. Immigration Court.

U.S. Immigration Judge Dayna Beamer from Hawaii conducted from Monday to Wednesday the hearings of the new cases along with the other removal cases that were previously filed.

Named as respondents in the new removal cases are Yue Juan He, Henedina Dela Cruz, Tai Long Jin, Yan Wang, George Wilson Satoshi, Celia Dela Cruz, Ponnu Selvam Nadar, Venus Palanan Adtoon, Amalia Abo Guanlao, and Shuqing Qiu.

The initial hearings of the 10 respondents were conducted on Monday. All appeared in court.

Judge Beamer held the hearings of the 20 new cases on

her exemption to a 10-percent cut in salary in solidarity with other employees of the institution who had their work hours reduced.

Hart, who earns \$80,000 a year as NMC's chief executive, said it would be inappropriate for her to continue to be exempted from the austerity measure.

"In light of the reduction in work hours that college employees have had to undergo, I don't believe that it is appropriate for the president to receive a full salary at the same time. I have communicated to the Board of Regents that I am returning 10 percent of my salary. Nonetheless, I will continue to work every day as usual, including on days when NMC is closed due to the reduction in work hours for employees," said Hart yesterday.

Board of Regents chair Juan Lizama earlier disclosed that the

president's salary is exempted from any salary cut to be implemented by the college.

NMC only started the implementation of work-hour reduction every other Friday last July 22.

NMC employees' reduction of work hours by eight per pay period followed a series of campus-wide discussions that were facilitated through the college's shared governance structure.

The move was made to ensure that the college's limited financial resources are sufficient to support student learning programs and services and to improve institutional effectiveness.

The college had earlier indicated that the work hour reduction was precipitated by the projected budget shortfall, which in part was due to a reduced budget allocation from the central government.

The CNMI Office of Management and Budget earlier informed the college that NMC's budget allotment for the remainder of the fiscal year would be reduced by 7.58 percent, or about \$340,000. Accordingly, the OMB office requested NMC to "adjust expenditure rates for your activities to ensure spending is within the adjusted allocation."

From the original budget of

\$4.4 million in FY 2011, NMC's budget was cut to \$4.1 million. Effective April 1, projected monthly allotment for NMC is \$315,593 for its personnel cost and operation. Based on the adjusted allocation, NMC has only \$1.8 million left until end of fiscal year in September. Because of the new reduction, NMC's projected shortfall increased from \$1.8 million to \$2.1 million this fiscal year. NMC employs about 200 personnel including instructors, non-instructional faculty, staff, and administrators.

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## Japan travelers still excited about Marianas

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Passengers of Fly Guam's inaugural flight from Nagoya, Japan were excited to roam the island upon their arrival at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday afternoon.

Tomomi Kagohashi, who traveled with her friends, said it was their second time in the Marianas and described the experience as always like the first time. She plans to spend her three-night vacation in places where she first attracted most: serene beaches, scenic spots, and relaxing spas. For Kagohashi and her group, Saipan is still the best place to relax and bond with their loved ones.

"I am always excited to come back here...it's the best place to relax and enjoy," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

For Eriko and Kazuhisa Murayama, visiting Saipan has always been part of their plans. The trip was first for the couple who admitted looking forward to amazing places and attractions. Like other first time visitors on island, the couple is looking forward for a meaningful journey to the island.

There were over 80 passengers onboard yesterday's maiden flight from Nagoya, including special guests and VIPs who attended the inaugural ceremony in Japan. The group flew on a Boeing 737-400 and arrived at 4:25pm yesterday. Upon arrival, passengers and crewmembers were greeted by Marianas Visitor Authority marketing specialists Brenda Repeki and Hiroko Tenorio. Shell leis were also offered to the visitors by local dancers at the airport. The new route brings five additional weekly flights to Saipan which are scheduled during Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. The carrier has now a total of 23 weekly flights to the Marianas.

Also seen onboard the maiden flight were MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, and media representatives from Japan. *Saipan Tribune* learned that MVA managing director Perry Tenorio also attended the Japan ceremony but is expected to come back today.

Bateman told *Saipan Tribune* that he was surprised on the overwhelming attendance at the Japan ceremony yester-

day where several media and travel industry partners graced the momentous occasion for Fly Guam. He described the ceremony as nicely done and well organized.

"Anytime you open a brand new flight, you have the opportunity to bring in 144 people, five times a week and this is a significant improvement to the bottomline of our tourism income," Bateman said, adding that MVA will do its best to help the carrier maintain the air seats from all key markets.

For Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, promoting all three islands in the Commonwealth will help in attracting more travelers to the Marianas. He pointed out that both Rota and Tinian have similar beauty to offer to tourists. Dela Cruz hopes that Fly Guam will consider landing to Tinian in the near future. "We are working hard to get international flights and we're hoping Fly Guam will consider landing to Tinian in the near future... and I was told today that nothing is impossible," said Dela Cruz, who also believed the effectiveness of providing more visual presentation in promoting the islands.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

A mother and her child pose with a local dancer who welcomed them and offered leis as they arrived yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

## Joeten-Kiyu Public Library needs help in replacing roof

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is requesting for assistance from the Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Works for its planned roof hardening project.

John Oliver Gonzales, JKPL executive director, wrote to DPW secretary Martin C. Sablan on July 28 to formalize the request.

Gonzales said he followed up from the Division of Procurement and Supply the Request

for Proposal package for the library's roof hardening project.

The project, which involves the repair and replacement of the library's roof, received a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development early this year.

Gonzales was informed, however, that they would need TSD to finalize the RFP package for the project.

"We understand that Northern Marianas Housing Corporation has been tasked to handle the environmental

study aspect of things so any assistance TSD can render to JKPL and to initiate contact with NMHC is welcome," he said in his letter to Sablan.

Gonzales said in an interview Wednesday that they want the finish the RFP so they can start with the actual roof repairs.

"We want to expedite this whole RFP because we want this project to get started," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gonzales hopes that the project will wrap up in time for their 20th anniversary celebration this December.

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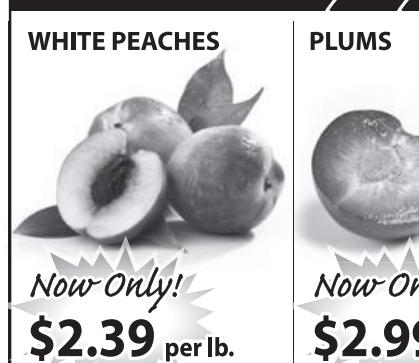
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## SHEFA suspends incentive awards for incoming college students

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The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance yesterday suspended incentive grants to incoming college students to generate savings for its scholarship programs.

Incentive grants is one of three financial awards offered by SHEFA which provides funds to high school graduates and current students who achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average. For eligible off-island students, SHEFA incentive awards total \$1,500 per academic term, while it awards \$1,000 for on-island scholars per semester. The suspension is effective for the 2011 Fall semester.

In a regular meeting yesterday, board chair Jose Mafnas said the action was taken in line with the current financial shortfall being experienced by the scholarship program. The board members agreed that since high school graduates have yet to start college, it is appropriate to stop providing the "generous" assistance from the cash-strapped government.

However, SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider pointed out that ongoing students will continue to receive the same incentive awards provided they comply with the requirements: that they have taken 12 or more credits in college, have no repeat courses, and achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA.

On top of incentive awards, these students also are provided grant-in-aid assistance from SHEFA. The field-of-study award was also being provided by SHEFA on the same manner, in which students who are taking specific courses classified under the field of study automatically get additional assistance.

Hofschneider also pointed out that a freshman college stu-

dent who garners a 3.5 or higher GPA is eligible for the incentive for the second academic term.

The administrator has yet to determine how many high school students in the past benefited from the incentive awards, but he believes that a substantial amount was given out in past years.

SHEFA was established by law in 2004 and its funding comes from poker license fees collected by the government. Each fiscal year, it receives a \$3-million budget. Since the program's inception, the government has invested \$17.7 million for SHEFA programs: grant-in-aid, field of study, and incentive awards.

### We accommodate too much

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-

Saipan) and Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) yesterday expressed their support to the board's reduction of some programs. The two lawmakers were among the spectators in yesterday's board meeting held at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

"We [the government] are too accommodating. We accommodate too much. Money is scarce right now and we have to face the reality," Cabrera said yesterday, describing the financial awards as "luxury" from the government.

The speaker said that CNMI is alone, among U.S. states and territories, in providing "generous" help to its students. In other states, he revealed that scholars were assisted by governments only in securing student loans.

"In the 50 states, no govern-

ment offers scholarship programs such ours. They assisted them in securing student loans and they are required to pay back. But here, we just allow them to work for two years and they're done," said Cabrera.

He mentioned the Pell grant being provided to students which also requires repayment.

Palacios, for his part, commended the board when it first implemented the reduction in awards last 2011 Spring semester. He expressed full support to the board's future actions that will ensure the continuity of the program.

Palacios, however, asked the SHEFA board to fully inform the students and their parents on the true fiscal state of the program to avoid "misunderstanding."



### CULTURAL GIFT

Officer-in-charge Henry Hofschneider of the Saipan Mayor's Office accepts the cultural gift from Dangjin Middle School principal Hui Tae Kim during the visiting group's courtesy visit Tuesday morning.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

## Flashback

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#### Teno confident on Congress' support vs takeover

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is confident the Northern Marianas will draw enough support in the U.S. Congress to block legislation seeking to take away local powers over the island's immigration and minimum wage standards. "We would like to see Congress to consider that implementation of federal minimum wage and immigration would impact our economy," he told reporters yesterday. Tenorio was responding to questions regarding his 10-day visit to Washington D.C., which included talks with key members and staff of the US Congress. He, however, declined to disclose what transpired during the meeting, describing it only as "fair."

#### Bill compromises CPA's autonomy—Salas

Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas has expressed concern over a proposed measure seeking a waiver on passenger fees on the ferry between Tinian and Saipan because it interferes with the autonomy of the agency. Sen. Herman M. Manglona has filed SB 11-151 in an attempt to stop the ports authority from collecting the \$5.85 passenger fees and assist the financially-beleaguered Tinian Shipping. The proposal was put forward after the CPA board rejected the appeal of Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Ltd. board chairman Michael Kwan to lower passenger fees to assist Tinian Shipping, its debt-laden subsidiary.

Aug. 12, 2002

#### 'It's not for Legislature to grant waiver'

The authority that the Babauta administration is seeking from the Legislature so it could spend beyond the \$193 million budget set for this fiscal year is not a power that the Legislature can grant. This, in a nutshell, is the reason why the House of Representatives turned down the request of the administration to waive the criminal penalty provisions of the Planning and Budgeting Act. With the waiver, the administration would have been free to go into deficit spending without fear of being slapped with a lawsuit. House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider made this explanation, even as the Legislature's upper chamber passed Senate Joint Resolution 13-7 Thursday last week, granting the administration's request.

#### DEQ tightens anti-littering drive

Division of Environmental Quality deputy chief Antonio I. De Leon Guerrero disclosed this, saying the division has heightened enforcement operations on anti-littering on Beach Road, and it would further intensify this island-wide. Guerrero's statement came after another environmental agency, the Coastal Resources Management Office, reported that littering is becoming rampant on the island. CRMO's Benny Pangelinan had said that even tourist sites such as the San Vicente cave and the Bird Island are no longer sacred as they have been defaced with trash that were illegally dumped in these areas.

Aug. 12, 2003

#### NMI's water program gets US funding

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has allotted over \$1.9 million to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to improve the CNMI's drinking water system infrastructure. Division of Environmental Quality director John I. Castro Jr. disclosed this, saying that federal funding has actually been accumulating for the past years. The funding comes from congressional appropriation through the 1996 amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, he said. Earlier reports quoted a study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that Saipan alone would need some \$91.45 million to carry out 22 projects outlined in the local water master plan. To include infrastructure projects for Tinian and Rota, the CNMI will need close to \$150 million.

#### Factory sales, user fee collections drop

Three out of the last four months have seen dramatic drops in Saipan's apparel factory sales and CNMI government user fee collections, according to figures from the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association and the CNMI Customs Service Division. Comparing sales totals and user fee collections from July 2003 versus July 2002, both dropped 20 percent. CNMI user fees totaled \$2.60 million in July this year, compared with \$3.25 million during the same month last year. User fees, computed at the rate of 3.7 percent of export value, totaled \$2.26 million in June 2003; when the figure was reported at \$2.61 million in June of 2002, a 13 percent decrease.

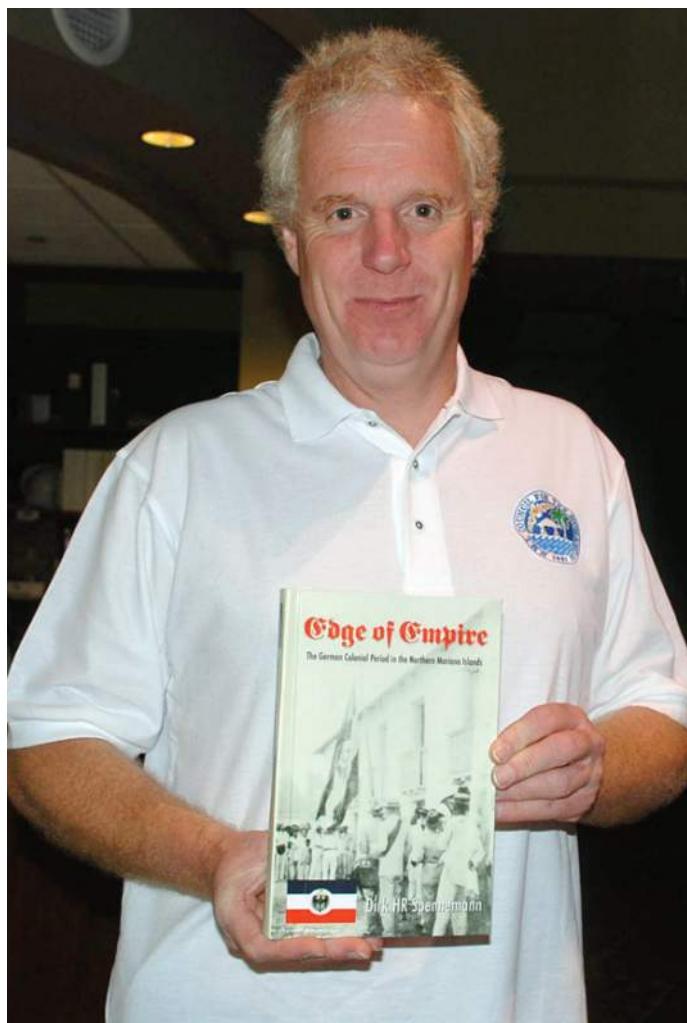
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Dr. Dirk HR Spennemann, Cultural Heritage Management associate professor at Charles Sturt University, holds a copy of his book, *Edge of Empire: The German Colonial Period in the Northern Mariana Islands* after his presentation at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center on Tuesday.

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Despite imperfections, the information and materials on indigenous cultures in Micronesia and Melanesia collected from 1908 to 1910 by the Sudsee—or the South Sea Expedition—remain the best resource that exist on the

subject.

This is what visiting scholar Dr. Dirk HR Spennemann underlined during his presentation Tuesday night at the American Memorial Park.

“It’s still the best resource we got. It’s not the bible, not the wonderful, mythical panacea of everything. It is

## Commerce tasked to conduct Prevailing Wage Survey

The Central Statistics Division, under the CNMI Department of Commerce, will be visiting all businesses within the CNMI by mid to late this month to conduct a Prevailing Wage Survey (PWS), and is requesting the patience and cooperation of all businesses. More information will be forthcoming before the actual survey kick-off.

Currently, the CNMI Department of Labor is the proper authority to be conducting the PWS for the CNMI.

CSD, by statute, is the proper authority to be conducting or facilitating any official survey or census for the CNMI. Upon completion and compilation of the PWS data by CSD, Labor will receive all least sensitive data necessary for a prevailing wage process. Management and processing of all prevailing wage survey will be the function of the Labor department. Director Ivan Blanco of CSD, who is the lead project coordinator for the PWS data collection, assures that CSD will retain all confidential and sensitive data. He further acknowledged WIA director Edith Deleon Guerrero, Secretary of Labor Gil San Nicolas, and Com-

## ON SUDSEE EXPEDITION STUDIES ‘Not perfect, but the best’

documents shaped by human frailty,” said the Cultural Heritage Management associate professor at the Charles Sturt University in Australia.

Spennemann said the ethnographic studies completed by the Sudsee Expedition, which was commissioned by the Hamburg Museum of Ethnography to add to its research and collection, covered some 45 islands, including Samoa, Palau, and the Caroline Islands, which served as the homeland for the Carolinian community in the CNMI.

Field work on the Micronesian islands took nine months to conduct, he said.

The Sudsee Expedition was

conducted by a group of “first generation graduates from the newly created type of ethnography,” including Paul Hambruch, Ernst Sarfert, Augustin Kramer and his wife, Elisabeth Kramer-Bannow.

Spennemann said the expedition aimed “to observe and record the final phases of an old, indigenous culture as long as it still had vitality and retained many remnants of old times that were little changed.”

“The expedition happened at a time when the first ethnographers came off the universities,” he explained. “Ethnography was a new discipline. It was not something which had been there

for a long time... it wasn’t formally taught yet as a course.”

According to Spennemann, one important reason why the materials on indigenous cultures were collected was for fear that these cultures will “die out or at least the cultures were going to change so much that it won’t be recognizable.”

The visiting historian noted that the Northern Mariana Islands were “simply not considered to be worth coming to” for the expedition team due to the colonization of the islands by the Spaniards.

“The whole concept of the expedition was to record traditional cultures... There was

already Spanish colonization in Marianas so there wasn’t much tradition in Chamorro culture in the mind of German academics,” he told reporters after his presentation.

The expedition team collected a total of 23 published volumes, with two of these volumes currently being translated by Spennemann as a project for the NMI Council for the Humanities.

Of all the scientists involved in the research, Spennemann said that Augustin Kramer’s work “is certainly the richest” because of his wife’s involvement, who was “a very good observer” and was able to put a female touch on the research.

“Women tend to, traditionally, tend to emphasize process over product... I think that women would be in general, at the time certainly, would be the better anthropologists,” he added.

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## EDITORIAL

### SEALs costly loss is a tribute to devotion, sense of duty

The loss of 22 Navy SEALs among the 30 U.S. troops killed in the weekend downing of an American helicopter in Afghanistan deals an enormous blow to one of the military's most elite fighting forces. These young men were products of a remarkably intensive and secretive special operations program designed to increase America's military effectiveness while reducing wartime casualties. It is a sad irony that they themselves are now among the casualties.

Even for those who favor a reduced U.S. military footprint in Afghanistan, there must be no confusion regarding the need to maintain and expand the special operations program from which the SEALs have emerged as the best of the best. The precision and skill they bring to their work ultimately saves lives by reducing the need for scatter-shot military sweeps and bombing raids that cause support for a U.S. presence to plummet among local populations.

So much about the SEAL ethos speaks to a smarter approach to war. They typically dress casually, wear beards and grow their hair to shaggy lengths—all with an eye toward blending in better with the local population. From the top-level officer to the lowest grunt, they address each other with first names. It helps build camaraderie and serves as a reminder that it's not the rank but each member's contribution to the mission that's important.

Missions can range from the high profile, such as the May 1 raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, to the countless support deployments that consist of sneaking into remote zones, patiently hiding out for weeks in grimy holes and hovels, and simply observing enemy movements without firing a single shot.

The intelligence they provide—eyewitness identification of high-value targets and precision coordinates of their locations, even in hostile countries such as Iran—vastly increases the chances of success and reduces the potential for costly mistakes.

Also noteworthy was the presence of seven Afghan troops on the Chinook twin-rotor helicopter that was downed by insurgent rocket-grenade fire. The SEALs and other special operations forces take pains to work with and train local forces, preparing them to take over the fight.

There's a steep price tag attached to such extensive training. Between \$500,000 and \$1 million is invested per SEAL, not to mention similar levels of training that radiomen, medics and other support personnel also must undergo before deploying with the SEALs.

The loss of any service member is tragic, and the men killed this weekend almost certainly would not have wanted to be portrayed as somehow worthy of special attention. They died doing a job they loved, serving a country they loved. And that's what made these forces special.

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### A false sense of national security

The raid to kill Osama bin Laden is barely 3 months old, but already it is one of the proudest chapters in the history of the U.S. Special Operations Command—and of the Obama administration. Officials of both organizations have been taking one well-deserved victory lap after another, even going so far as to cooperate (apparently) with a journalist from the New Yorker who has just produced a riveting account of Operation Neptune's Spear. No doubt more books, articles and movies are in the offing. I wouldn't be surprised to see some Navy SEALs writing memoirs or licensing their stories.

There are two major problems with the understandable impulse to pop the champagne cork. In the first place, the officers and officials who are talking may well be compromising important operational details and making it harder to preserve secrecy about future missions—including those that don't go quite as well. Even more worrisome is the possibility that we are being lulled into a false sense of complacency that will allow al-Qaida and other radical groups to stage a resurgence.

U.S. government officials are probably premature when they rush to proclaim, as the Washington Post reported, that al-Qaida is "on the brink of collapse." Such predictions have been made many times before, and each time have been disproved by this terrorist group with its alarming ability to regenerate itself. It does not take much in the way of resources to carry out a terrorist strike (the Sept. 11 operation cost an estimated \$500,000), so al-Qaida does not need much infrastructure to pose a threat. Moreover, al-Qaida is not the only terrorist organization we have to worry about.

Other Islamist extremists are capable of planning attacks with scant direction or assistance from al-Qaida Central. These organizations range from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and al-Qaida in Iraq to the Haqqani network, the Afghan Taliban, the Pakistani Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hezbollah, Kataib Hezbollah and Hamas. None of these groups have pulled off anything on the scale of Sept. 11, thank goodness, but several of them have undoubtedly killed far more people—and dominated far more territory—than Bin Laden ever did.

Al-Qaida in Iraq managed to take over a substantial portion of the Sunni Muslim areas of Iraq before suffering devastating defeats in 2007 and 2008, but it continues to set off bombs. Hamas has taken over the Gaza Strip and is rapidly building up its arsenal. Hezbollah is the most powerful force in Lebanon and has more missiles than some nation-states. The Pakistani Taliban is steadily undermining the government in Islamabad with one atrocity after another. Lashkar-e-Taiba has almost sparked war between India and Pakistan with its terrorist attacks in India and undoubtedly will strike again. Kataib Hezbollah, along with other Iranian-backed Shiite terrorist groups, is asserting its power in Iraq as the

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U.S. prepares to withdraw.

By focusing too much on al-Qaida and its charismatic founder—now resting at the bottom of the Arabian Sea—we risk not devoting sufficient resources or attention to these other threats, which are less publicized but ultimately may be just as dangerous.

We have already seen one sign of this premature triumphalism: President Obama ordered 30,000 "surge" troops to come home from Afghanistan by September 2012 against the advice of his military commanders. The battle against the Haqqani network and Taliban—two of the most dangerous terrorist groups in the world—is far from won. It will be much harder to defeat bin Laden's allies in Afghanistan with the U.S. force reduced by a third before the end of next summer's fighting season.

Defenders of the administration's al-Qaida-centric approach may argue that only al-Qaida has shown the will and capacity to strike the American homeland. But other groups are targeting us as well, and sooner or later they may succeed: Faisal Shahzad, who tried to blow up a car bomb in Times Square last year, was trained and funded by the Pakistani Taliban. Also in 2010, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula tried to mail bombs to the U.S. that could have blown up passenger aircraft in midair. All it would take would be one such terrorist success to dispel the current complacency.

History, I fear, may be repeating itself. President George W. Bush and his Defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, appeared to be transfixed by early military successes in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in particular the successes of the Special Operations Command. Remember the hoopla over the "horse soldiers," the Green Berets on horseback who called in the airstrikes that toppled the Taliban in the fall of 2001. Or the hype over Saddam Hussein being pulled out of his spider hole by soldiers of the same Joint Special Operations Command that killed bin Laden. This created a mind-set of triumphalism embodied in the famous "Mission Accomplished" banner displayed behind Bush when he welcomed the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln home from the Persian Gulf.

Sen. Obama later mocked Bush for prematurely claiming victory. But now President Obama, or at least his aides, may be making the same mistake.

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## Don't let the Dow dog you

**A**ugust is a month to think happy sunshine thoughts, since its dog days are otherwise too doggone doggedly doggy to endure. So, nice guy that I am, I was going to serve an upbeat little number about the joys of lottery tickets. But we'll shelve that piece of sunshine for later because of the stock market. As you probably know, the Dow Jones industrial average, a/k/a the "Dow," went bonkers this week.

So I'll call an audible from the line and chime in with some color commentary.

First of all, don't worry. Be happy. Uncle Sam has plenty of money to send to the Commonwealth. Or, should I say, plenty of credit from which to ship the money out. Same thing. Well, for us, anyway.

So, smile: The federal money won't hiccup as long as bond markets stay happy.

But we have to look at stocks from a news perspective.

So, as for the Dow, well, twice this week it seemed to put lead weights in its pockets and jump off Suicide Cliff. It did a 519.83 dippy-doodle yesterday.

If you want to take a five trading day tally, and maybe you shouldn't, the Dow shed 1,179.5 points, a 9.9-percent decline. Worse yet, all the drama has pushed Kim Kardashian off the front page, and even Lady Gaga, too, which is a pretty dire situation, even for the ebb of August.

All this stock stuff was rooted in the slow-burn freak out about our Uncle Sam's debts. Well, that's no news here, given that I was writing about the debt gig six and seven years ago, as some long

time readers will recall. The time for people to financially react to the toxic debt thing, and place their bets accordingly, was a long, long time ago.

Anyway, as for this stock market drama, if you care about it, let me lift your spirits by observing that the Dow is actually up, yes, up, for the past year.

Furthermore, I can't say it matters much, anyway. The stock market can do whatever it wants to, that's not the issue for Saipan's cut of federal money. Which brings me to the real issue here: bonds.

Bonds matter. Big time. Bonds are how the U.S. borrows money to send all over the place, including to the Commonwealth.

So bonds are the action to watch. Yeah, yeah, I know, for some reason, Homer Q. Public looks at stocks, and the Dow in particular, as some kind of economic football score.

But the real news is that there is no news: So far, the bond market has been snug and smug. Why? Frankly, I don't know. But the only thing that could stem the freely flowing fiscal juice from the feds is a fall in the bond market. And, thus far, that fall has not happened. Not at all. Not even a little bit. Not even a little, teeny, tiny little bit.

So where does this leave Saipan? It leaves Saipan further along the same economic road, that's where. Nothing has changed. Industrial Asia is the bright spot of the world economy, as it has been for years now. Saipan could have, but didn't, become an element of the booming Asian economy, but there's no use worrying about that now, since those pesky package tourists, and the jobs they cre-

ate, and the airlines, and the jobs they create, and the hotels, and the jobs they create, and the travel agencies, and the jobs they create, and the ground operators, and the jobs they create, and the optional tour operators, and the jobs they create, and the restaurants, and the jobs they create, and the stores, and the jobs they create, well, those tourists and businesses and jobs and money weren't good enough for us. After all, we've got other priorities. And complete federal support. Nice deal.

Bottom line: Notwithstanding pensioners who might have hitched their futures to the stock market, the Dow's drama isn't a big deal for Saipan. So, we're cool. Big time.

Besides, if things turn sour, we can always buy lotto tickets. Hey, I'm in! Can't win if you don't play, right? So, stay tuned, I've got an uplifting lotto success story to share with you, if only the markets will calm down long enough for me to float it. Think nice thoughts, and dream big dreams, that's what I say, especially in August.

## North Korea's carrot-and-stick strategy

**J**uly is typically the time of year when North Korea makes peace overtures toward the United States. This is when it tries to rekindle expectations, reset deadlines and heal the previous year's wounds. Last week, Pyongyang's chief nuclear negotiator arrived in New York for talks with Stephen Bosworth, the U.S. special representative for North Korea policy, calling for "reconciliation." As if on cue, one day later, the Korean Central News Agency—the Kim Jong Il regime's official news agency—called for a "peace agreement" with the United States.

Just one year earlier, in July 2010, North Korea stated that it would "make consistent efforts for the conclusion of a peace treaty and the denuclearization through the six-party talks conducted on equal footing." This announcement came the day after a U.N. Security Council statement that fell just short of directly blaming North Korea for the sinking of a South Korean naval ship that March. Four months later, when neither the U.S. nor South Korea took the bait to restart talks, Pyongyang ratcheted up the pressure by revealing a new uranium enrichment plant and shelling an inhabited South Korean island, its previous peace pledge notwithstanding.

So what to make of Pyongyang's midyear peace ploy, consistently waged in one form or another since 2002 (save for 2006, when the Kim regime test-fired several rockets on July 4)?

In making these periodic propositions, Pyongyang is essentially asking U.S. policymakers to believe that its rhetorical peace trumps U.S. military deterrence, even in a volatile political arena like the Korean peninsula, where two starkly different systems have clashed over the last six decades in an existential contest for pan-Korean legitimacy.

North Korea's latest peace offensive started July 27, the 58th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice. Although this date is largely forgotten elsewhere, it is celebrated each year in North Korea as "Victory Day in the Fatherland Liberation War." The Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA, called for the replacement of the cease-fire agreement with a "peace agreement" with the United States, "in order to put an end to the confrontation and conflicts and ensure durable peace and security on the Korean Peninsula."

The annual "Victory Day" is a reminder of the unfinished business of the North Korean revolution, Pyongyang's ultimate goal in starting the Korean War. In another article last week, the KCNA reported: "July 27 ... was the day ... when the army and the people of the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) under the distinguished guidance of President Kim Il Sung defeated the U.S.-led imperialist aggressors to win the historic victory."

History, of course, shows that Kim Il Sung, father of the current North Korean leader, recorded no such "historic victory" over the U.S. Yet North Korea still claims victory, and insists on a "peace agreement" with its "vanquished" foe. Why?

The answer is given in the July 27 KCNA commentary, if you

read between the histrionic lines.

"The U.S. has so far interfered in the internal affairs of Korea as the direct party concerned of the AA (Armistice Agreement) and exercised the right to military control over south (sic) Korea."

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A peace treaty with Washington would dramatically advance Pyongyang's long-held goal of irreversibly evicting U.S. troops from South Korea. Amid euphoria and political spin celebrating the dawn of a new era on the Korean peninsula, such a treaty would call into question the very raison d'être of the U.S. forces in South Korea, leading to calls for their total withdrawal. In the short term, such developments would tilt the balance of power on the peninsula in North Korea's favor, as Pyongyang would be far better positioned to maximize its leverage on political, military and economic issues vis-a-vis Washington, Seoul and Tokyo. In the long term, North Korea probably would be emboldened to carry out limited war against the South.

In the coming months, Pyongyang will continue to press for peace and aid by dangling the prospect of denuclearization. If history is any guide, Pyongyang is likely to resort to both "goodwill" theatrics and/or serious provocations to advance its long-term goals. The response by the U.S. and its allies should be to treat each dramatic "concession" by Pyongyang, such as cultural exchanges and family reunions between North and South Koreans, for what they are, theatrics, and to meet each provocation with tougher economic penalties. Above all, Washington, Seoul and Tokyo must stand firm in targeting and sanctioning Pyongyang on its multifaceted illicit activities—like money-laundering and counterfeiting—not to mention its egregious human rights violations.

By now, 20 years into the North Korean nuclear saga, it should be apparent that Pyongyang has persistently sought to gain the upper hand over its adversaries through periodic military provocations and peace ploys. It's a strategy that North Korea will not abandon for short-term rewards such as aid or relaxed sanctions, and certainly not for the gift of a peace treaty.

Pyongyang's idiosyncratic official statements, as incredible as they usually are, merit a close reading. For beneath the many false and outlandish claims often lie the Kim regime's true intentions.

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.  ▲ 88° ▼ 78°	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.  ▲ 88° ▼ 78°	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.  ▲ 87° ▼ 78°	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  ▲ 87° ▼ 78°	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  ▲ 88° ▼ 78°

## Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 77

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 60 ▼ 51
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 84
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 75
London	Showers	▲ 70 ▼ 61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74 ▼ 58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 61 ▼ 39
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 78
New York	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 64
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 93 ▼ 79
Paris	Showers	▲ 72 ▼ 61
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Rome	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 67
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 54
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 70

## Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Today	5:28 PM	4:22 AM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Saturday	6:11 PM	5:15 AM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Sunday	6:50 PM	6:07 AM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Monday	7:28 PM	6:56 AM
Tuesday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Tuesday	8:04 PM	7:44 AM

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### DEPARTURES

#### GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7  
C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP  
C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6  
C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7  
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4  
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily  
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily  
5K382 11:30pm 12:20am+1 1, 5

### ARRIVALS

#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

C09315 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5

#### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)

C09314 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5

#### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

C09314 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP  
C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7  
5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7  
C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6  
C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
5K389 8:00am 8:50am 5  
C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7  
C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily  
C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

#### NAGOYA (NGO)

5K212 8:20am 10:55am 3, 4, 7

#### SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

0Z120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily  
DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1  
0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
0Z119 4:00am 11:25am Daily via KIX  
0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8647 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

#### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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C09317/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM  
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C09599/PR111 9:30pm 7:50am 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM  
C0184/9596 10:55pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM  
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#### SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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0Z606/721 2:50am 11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN  
5K168 9:50am 1:00pm 1, 5  
C09603/179 3:05pm 9:25pm 1, 5 via GUM  
0Z604/749 3:30pm 11:00pm 7 via ICN  
5K169 2:55pm 10:00pm 1, 5  
C0180/9596 10:30pm 7:25am+1 5 via GUM  
C0180/9596 10:30pm 7:50am+1 1 via GUM

#### HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z724/603 12:30am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN  
0Z750/603 1:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6 via ICN  
0Z722/605 1:25pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN  
0Z722/605 1:25pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN  
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# 38 man'amko training under Title V Program

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REPORTER

The Senior Community Employment Service Program, or the Title V Program, under the Office on Aging presently trains 38 low-income senior citizens, according to Aging director Rose Mondala.

## Drunken man allegedly assaults wife after accusing her of having affair

A drunken man allegedly accused his wife of having an affair then assaulted her and broke some items at their residence in Kagman III on Tuesday night.

Manuel Chargualaf Santos, 41, was arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and interfering with a domestic violence report.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$2,500 cash bail for the defendant's temporary release.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 18 at 9am.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that on Tuesday night a police officer responded to Kagman after receiving a call about a domestic violence.

Aldan said investigation showed that Santos and his wife came from a family gathering in Kagman and while on their way home, the couple argued after he accused her of having an affair behind his back.

Upon arrival at their house,

Authorized by the Older Americans Act, the SCSEP or the Title V Program is a community service and work-based training program for low-income persons 55 years or older who are unemployed and have poor employment prospects by providing them with subsidized,

service-based training.

Mondala said that of the 38 trainees, 29 are from Saipan, four from Tinian, and five from Rota.

The Aging Office, Mondala said, accommodates six of the trainees on island. The rest are

placed in different institutions such as the Commonwealth Health Center, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, the Tana-pag Youth Center, and various elementary schools under the Public School System.

Mondala disclosed that two more trainees are coming in and will be assigned at day care centers.

Mondala said the program participants receive training and get paid for four hours a day.

She said their current trainees will remain part of the program until December 2011. "They

cannot stay beyond four years unless approved by the federal agency," said Mondala.

All trainees, Mondala said, go through the application process and must meet their income threshold requirement.

Mondala added that they have some 60 Title V applicants in their waiting list.

# Masseuse files sexual harassment suit vs Hyatt

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A masseuse has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit in federal court against the owner of Hyatt Regency Saipan after its assistant manager allegedly subjected her to sexual advances.

The plaintiff, through counsel

Colin M. Thompson, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue a permanent injunction preventing Saipan Portopia Hotel Corp. and its officers or agents from engaging in any employment practices, including sexual harassment, which discriminate on the basis of sex.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to get a comment from the hotel, but as of press time, there was no response from its counsel.

The masseuse requested the court to order the defendant to institute and carry out policies and programs, which provide equal employment opportunities.

The plaintiff demanded compensation, including lost wage damages, damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

According to Thompson in

the complaint filed on Wednesday, the defendant and the 10 unnamed co-defendants subjected the plaintiff to severe sexual harassment.

Thompson said the sexual harassment included sexual advances and sexually charged and unwelcome physical contact by the hotel's assistant manager.

The lawyer said the plaintiff complained of the sexual harassment to the director of the hotel's human resources and her supervisor on Sept. 13, 2010.

After the hotel management's investigation on the complaint, the plaintiff was allegedly given a three-day suspension without pay.

Thompson said that on Sept. 20, 2010, the director of human resources issued a notice that the plaintiff's employment is terminated.

"Defendants retaliated against plaintiff for opposing discrimination and complaining about sexual harassment," Thompson said.

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# 3 arrested for taking green sea turtle

The Division of Fish and Wildlife arrested three male individuals for the illegal possession of a live green sea turtle.

On Aug. 9, 2011, DFW conservation officer while on regular surveillance of the Tanapag Lagoon, observed the three male individuals onboard a small motor-craft vessel.

Upon their return to shore, DFW conservation officer conducted routine inspection of the vessel and discovered the live turtle. Further investigation led to the arrest of all three individuals. This case is still under investigation.

DFW detained and issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to two male individuals for the illegal possession of eight live coconut crabs.

On Aug. 4, 2011, DFW conservation officers while on regular patrol and surveillance of the Marpi Wildlife Conservation Area (MWCA) encountered two individuals in possession of suspicious bags. Upon further investigation, eight live coconut crabs were discovered and that the individuals were without a valid coconut crab hunting permit. This case is still under investigation.

Hunting and fishing within the MWCA or any other designated conservation area are strictly prohibited. Anyone caught hunting or fishing within these areas may be subject to arrest and hefty fines. Please report any unusual activities within these areas to DFW at 664-6030/31 or call 911. (PR)

## GAMECON set for Aug. 27

The biggest video gaming competition in the CNMI—GAMECON—is back.

Video gamers will get another chance to earn cash and bragging rights through Glimpses of Saipan's GAMECON 2011 event which will be held on Aug. 27 from 1am to 8:30pm at Saipan Grand Hotel's Club V.

Over \$1,500 cash prizes will be given away, plus other surprises and certificates for the best video gamers and teams.

Gamers can play as individuals or teams and can choose to compete for Halo Reach, League of Legends or NBA Live (subject to change).

Registration is ongoing and forms can be obtained at Megabyte (call 235-6111) Glimpses of Saipan office located at the second floor of Transpacific Business Center in Gualo Rai (atop Dial Rent to Own), Safety First, and Megazone in Chalan Piao.

Tickets for gamers are sold at \$20 each with free coupon of Scoops. Audience tickets are sold at \$5 each. Box lunches prepared by the hotel will be sold at the lobby.

Children below 7 are not allowed inside the gaming venue. Minors require parental consent to play the games.

For more inquiries, please call

Glimpses of Saipan at 235-7645 or Beach Road Magazine Account Manager Susan Marchitti at 483-3145.

Now on its second year, GAMECON is made possible through the support of major sponsors: Megabyte, Docomo Pacific, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Saipan Grand Hotel, Marpac, Dial Rent-to-Own, Coca-Cola, Scoops, The Athlete's Foot, Boarderline, Seafix Incorporated, Northern Marianas College, KZMI-fm Radio, Safety 1st Systems CNMI, Inc., Bali Fashion, Glimpses Publications and Glimpses Advertising.

Micronesian Brokers, Brabu Pharmacy, Coca-Cola, Western Union/Mita Travel and Aon Insurance have also donated major prizes for the event. (PR)

## House commends Humanities Council



Deleon Guerrero

The House of Representatives adopted on Wednesday Resolution No. 17-58 commending and congratulating the Northern Mariana Islands Humanities Council for 20 years of service to the Commonwealth.

Introduced by Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), the resolution lauded the council for promoting the study, understanding and appreciation of the local history, languages, and cultures of the CNMI as well as celebrating the Commonwealth's multicultural society by supporting projects that document the contributions of diverse groups within the community.

Overseen by a board of directors comprised of dedicated community members, the council also examines the human experience by engaging the disciplines of history, philosophy, languages, linguistics, literature, archaeology, jurisprudence, ethics, cultural anthropology, and political theory.

The council has also established a variety of innovative public programs and initiatives such as the Motheread Family Literacy program, the Teachers History Institute, the Digital History Initiative, and the Junior High Mock Trial program.

It also awards cash grants to community groups and organizations to support grassroots humanities projects, the resolution added. (Clarissa V. David)

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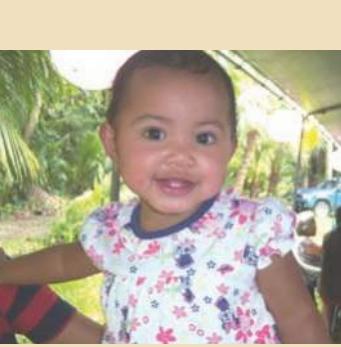
Happy birthday Craig Peter Calvo and many more birthdays to come. We miss you. Greetings from your sisters and brothers in-law.

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Happy 12th birthday to Naomi Reen Borja Lizama and many more years to come. Have fun, enjoy your day, and remember to smile. We love you! From Mommy, Mr. Joey, Josh, and JC.

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Advance happy birthday to Dimitri Sablan, who will be celebrating his birthday on Aug. 14. Enjoy your day and may you have many more birthdays to come. May God bless you and we love you. Greetings come from your entire family.

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Belated happy birthday to our little princess, Lena Blorang Igitol Ngiraked, who turned 1 last Aug. 10. We love you and many more to come. Greetings from Mommy, Daddy, Lyandra, Spencer, Vince, and the rest of the family.

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## UoG/Cancer Research Center receives \$1.6M

**MANGILAO, Guam**—The National Institutes of Health approved \$1,648,572 to support the UOG Cancer Research Center for a third year of funding. This is part of a five-year cancer research collaborative effort between the University of Guam and the University of Hawaii Cancer Center.

In 2009, the University of Guam was awarded an \$8,000,000 U-54 grant from the National Institutes of Health to support a strong national cancer

program aimed at understanding the reasons behind significant cancer disparities and the impact on minority populations. Each year, grant objectives are assessed and funding approved for the next year. Sept. 1, 2011, marks the third year of the grant which encompasses several objectives including the following research and outreach projects:

- Research on Oral Precancerous Lesions and Other Health Risk Among Betel Nut Users in Micronesia

- Development of a Breast Cancer Risk Model for the Pacific (BRISK)

- Community Outreach to Reduce Health Disparities (Youth Tobacco Use) Among Pacific Islanders Living in Guam

- Minority Pacific Islander Cancer Research, Student and Faculty Development

- Funding support for the Guam Cancer Registry

“The overarching goal is to reduce the impact of cancer on the population in Guam, and the

region,” said Dr. Helen Whippy, UOG senior vice president and principal investigator of the University of Guam Cancer Research Center. We also aim to increase the number of minority scientists of Pacific Islander ancestry engaged in cancer research and further strengthen the research focus on cancer health disparities at the University of Guam with particular emphasis on aspects of relevance for the people of the Pacific.” (UOG)

## Driver Training Academy struggles to remain solvent

The Legislature's override of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's veto of Senate Bill 17-20 has prompted ISTS-Driver Training Academy owner and operator Rich Puhalla to consider closing his school.

He said the number of students enrolled in recent weeks has not been sufficient to sustain the business and operating at deficit is simply, not an option.

“A commitment has been made to current students to remain in operation until each has finished the entire course and a similar commitment could be made to any individual who enrolls prior to, or into the Sept. 12, 2011 class. Those individuals will be able to participate in both the classroom and laboratory curriculums. After that date, the classroom curriculum could be offered, however, a commitment

to drive with those students cannot be guaranteed,” he said.

Puhalla said it is DTA's goal to hang on until its business license expires at the end of year but that is dependent upon whether or not the company's expenses can be paid.

With some of the private

schools back in session, the afternoon/evening schedule has resumed. Those classes commence at 5pm, ending at 8pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Saturday session continues to be from 8am to 10am.

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# Bill seeks to remedy Guard allowance disparity

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently joined Rep. Dave Lobeck of Iowa in introducing a bill that would provide members of the National Guard with the appropriate Basic Allowance for Housing or Overseas Housing Allowance when transitioning between active duty and full time National Guard duty without a break in service. Under current policy, a National Guardsman who makes this transition will be paid the BAH or OHA based on their home of record and not their permanent duty assignment station. This could drastically reduce the amount of BAH or OHA that a servicemember is entitled to when transitioning.

"This bill addresses a disparity in the application of housing allowance pay to members of

the National Guard," said Bordallo. "These men and women serve our nation and dedicate their lives in support of our national security—the least we can do is pay them fairly. The current policy regarding housing allowances creates a financial burden for Guardsmen and their families at a time when our National Guard units are stressed by multiple deployments. They should receive housing allowances based on their permanent duty station location. I am working with Congressman Dave Lobeck to advance this bill in the House."

"The National Guard plays a critical role in defending our country overseas and protecting our communities here at home," said Lobeck. "Many Guardsmen have been deployed multiple times over the last 10

years even as we continue to call on them to respond to disasters such as the storms and flooding that have hit Iowa. We must provide them and their families with the resources and support they deserve, not reduce their housing benefits

at a time when they can least afford it. I am proud to have introduced this legislation with Congresswoman Bordallo to

ensure that our National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and families receive the benefits they have earned." (PR)



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Northern Marianas College student Amber Mendiola speaks to prospective NMC students about student life at NMC during an Info Session on Aug. 9, 2011. Over 100 students attended the session, which focused on the advantages of attending the College as well as on registration procedures. Registration for NMC's Fall 2011 semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 15, 2011 and will continue until Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. For more information, visit [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu).

## NMC fall registration begins Aug. 15

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's fall 2011 semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 15, and run through Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. Ongoing students can register on the day designated for their PowerCampus ID number. New and readmitted students can begin registering for classes on Friday, Aug. 19, 2011.

The college offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal

arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. It also offers short-term certificate programs in vocational, academic, and professional areas.

New students are required to take the English and Math placement tests before they register. After taking the placement tests, students can obtain the required slip from the English and Math departments and meet with their academic advisers. NMC academic advisers will help new students fill in registration forms and create class schedules. Students can then finish the registration process in NMC's Room D-1.

Application for admissions will still be accepted until the last day of registration on Saturday,

Aug. 20, 2011, provided that both placement tests have been taken. Students may register between 9am and 6pm, Monday through Friday, and between 9am and 12pm on Saturday. Note the following dates below:

Ongoing students must clear any outstanding balances at the Finance Office, the NMC Library and/or Office of Admissions and Records before they can register for classes. To find out if any balances exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records in Building N or call 234-5498 ext. 1528/1537.

For additional information about the placement tests and registration for the fall 2011 semester, log on to [www.nmcnet.edu](http://www.nmcnet.edu). (NMC)

### REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

- Aug. 15, Monday: Registration for students with PC No. 000000100 through 000009660
- Aug. 16, Tuesday: Registration for students with PC No. 000009661 through 000011880
- Aug. 17, Wednesday: Registration for students with PC No. 000011881 through 000013720
- Aug. 18, Thursday: Registration for students with PC No. 000013721 through 000015790
- Aug. 19, Friday: Registration for all new, and other ongoing and readmitted students
- Aug. 20, Saturday: Late registration for all new, and other ongoing and readmitted students

### ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

- Aug. 10, Wednesday: 9am – 4pm, Building M
- Aug. 11, Thursday: 9am – 6pm, Building M
- Aug. 12, Friday: 9am – 4pm, Building M
- Aug. 15, Monday: 9am – 4pm, Building M
- Aug. 16, Tuesday: 9am – 6pm, Building M
- Aug. 17, Wednesday: 9am – 4pm, Building M
- Aug. 18, Thursday: 9am – 6pm, Building M

- Aug. 19, Friday: 9am – 4pm, Building M

### MATH PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE

- Aug. 11, Thursday: 10am – 12pm, Room A-9
- 5pm – 7pm, Room A-9
- Aug. 16, Tuesday: 10am – 12pm, Room A-9
- Aug. 18, Thursday: 10am – 12pm, Room A-9
- 5pm – 7pm, Room A-9

## MHS freshman and new student orientation on Aug. 23

Marianas High School will be conducting its annual freshmen and new student orientation on Aug. 23 from 1pm to 2:30pm at the MHS gymnasium.

MHS is strongly encouraging all incoming freshmen and new students to attend, as this is an excellent opportunity for them to meet their Dolphin family and learn about the new and improved developments at the school.

The orientation will include a message from the MHS administration, a video introduction to the diverse and exciting campus life, and a tour of the

school, lead by MHS' amazing counselors and outstanding student leaders. The orientation will conclude with the distribution of student schedules.

### Upper classmen schedule distribution

To returning MHS upper classmen (sophomores, juniors, and seniors), the distribution of their schedule is set for Aug. 24 from 8am to 4pm.

It is important that you all pick up and review your class schedule as well as meet with counselors to address any concerns.

If you have any question, call 237-3206. (PR)

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# Business

## Stocks resume sell-off; Dow finishes down 519

NEW YORK (AP)—Back to reality and back down, Wall Street focused Wednesday on the bleak landscape ahead for the economy and wiped out its big gains from a day earlier—and then some.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 519 points and has now lost more than 2,000 in less than three weeks. Swings of several hundred points in just minutes have become commonplace.

This time, the selling was intensified by worries about debt problems in Europe.

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve said it planned to keep

interest rates ultra-low for two more years. After some initial confusion, the stock market staged a huge comeback and had one of its best days.

But the interest-rate news proved to be a distraction. The Fed made the pledge because it sees almost no chance that the economy will improve substantially by 2013, and when investors focused on that, they dumped stocks again.

"Now it gets back to the fundamentals," said Mark Lamkin, founder of Lamkin Wealth Management, which manages \$215 million.

The Dow closed at 10,719.94,



Specialist James Ahrens works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011.

down 4.6 percent for the day. By points, it was the ninth-steepest decline for the market.

Wednesday was another day marked by big moves. The Dow was down more than 300 points within minutes of the opening bell. It recovered some of that loss, then drifted steadily lower in the last two hours.

The market has traded that way for two weeks, lurching up and down. The most extreme example was Tuesday, when the Dow swung more than 600 points in the one hour and 45 minutes after the Fed's statement.

The stomach-churning highs and lows are reminiscent of the

fall of 2008, the depths of the financial crisis, when there were swings of 800 or even 1,000 points in a day.

Computerized trading systems—programmed to analyze charts, capitalize on the tiniest changes in price and execute trades with no human intervention—are making the market rougher.

High-frequency trading programs make up about half of the trading volume in a normal market day but 70 percent or more on a volatile one. The programs pounce on stock changes to make just slivers of a penny but do it so often that it adds up.

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A partial Settlement has been reached with Morgan Stanley, one of the Defendants, in a class action lawsuit alleging bid rigging in the sale of municipal derivatives. The case, *In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1950, No. 08-02516, is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

##### Who Is Included in the Settlement?

This Settlement includes all state, local and municipal government entities, independent government agencies and private entities that purchased:

- (a) By negotiation, competitive bidding or auction municipal derivatives directly from an Alleged Provider Defendant or Co-Conspirator, or through an Alleged Broker Defendant or Co-Conspirator,
- (b) Any time from January 1, 1992 through the present in the U.S. and its territories or for delivery in the U.S. and its territories.

The Alleged Provider and Broker Defendants and Co-Conspirators are listed on the website referenced below.

##### What Does the Settlement Provide?

The Settlement affects only the claims against Morgan Stanley. The case is continuing against the other non-settling defendants. Morgan Stanley has paid \$4,950,000 for the payment of claims, plus an additional \$1,550,000 to pay certain administrative and litigation costs. Morgan Stanley will also provide information to the attorneys for the Class and cooperate in connection with claims against the non-settling defendants.

##### What Do I Do Now?

- **Remain in the Settlement.** To remain in the Settlement Class and participate in the Settlement, you do not need to do anything now. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will give up the right to sue Morgan Stanley for the claims in this class action. To receive a payment, you will have to submit a claim form that will be available at a future date. Register on the website to receive a claim form when it becomes available. If you remain in the Settlement Class, you will still have the right to exclude yourself from any other class that may be certified in the case.

##### • Object to or comment on the Settlement.

If you remain in the Settlement Class and want to object to or comment on the Settlement or any of its terms, you must file an objection with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and Morgan Stanley **postmarked no later than October 11, 2011**.

##### Who Represents You?

The Court has appointed the law firms of Hausfeld LLP; Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP; and Susman Godfrey LLP to serve as Class Counsel and represent all members of the Class. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

##### When Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?

The Court has scheduled a hearing on **November 23, 2011**, at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007. The Court will consider whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, and whether to approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation expenses.

You or your lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing but are not required to. If you want to be heard by the Court, you must, **no later than October 11, 2011**, file a written request with the Court and deliver a copy to Class Counsel and Morgan Stanley. The Court may change the time and date of the hearing. Any change will be posted on the website.

For more information on this lawsuit, your rights, or to obtain a list of defendants, call or go to the website shown below or write to Municipal Derivatives Settlement, c/o Rust Consulting, Inc., PO Box 2500, Faribault, MN 55021-9500.

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[www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com](http://www.MunicipalDerivativesSettlement.com)

## Fed's low rates are no fix for economy or retirees

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve's plan to keep interest rates super-low for at least two more years is great news for mortgage refinancees and other borrowers.

For retirees and others who need interest income, it's a threat.

Nor will low rates likely revive a depressed home market, energize a weak economy or reassure frightened consumers.

They're also putting pressure on Americans' pensions. The consulting firm Milliman Inc. said this week that 100 of the nation's largest pension funds were \$254 billion short of what they need to meet obligations to retirees July 31, up from a \$186 billion shortfall at the end of June. Low interest rates were the main reason for

the widening gap.

The sinking rates flow from the Fed's federal funds rate, which the Fed has kept near zero since the depths of the financial crisis in December 2008. The funds rate is the rate banks charge each other for overnight loans. It indirectly affects rates for credit cards and some business loans.

Longer-term yields are determined by traders. These yields are also near record lows, driven down by investors seeking the safety of U.S. Treasuries.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which influences long-term mortgage rates, set a record low of 2.03 percent after the Fed's announcement Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the yield had been 2.34 percent. As recently as Friday, it was 2.56 percent.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### GM CEO buys more company shares

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors CEO Dan Akerson has boosted his stake in the company. Akerson bought 10,000 GM shares on Tuesday at an average price of \$25.05 a share, according to a regulatory filing. That cost him \$250,500. He now owns 103,600 shares of GM, including stock he bought in May. GM's stock price fell \$1.62, or 6.3 percent, to close at \$23.92 on Wednesday. Akerson's holdings are now worth \$2.5 million.

#### Gold shoots past record \$1,800 an ounce

The price of gold topped \$1,800 an ounce for the first time, as concern about Europe's debt problems intensified Wednesday. French President Nicolas Sarkozy cut short a vacation and pledged to slash France's huge debts on fears that the country may lose its AAA credit rating. Although rating agencies reaffirmed France's top-notch rating, the downgrade of U.S. debt by Standard & Poor's last week fueled worries that France could be next to lose the coveted and rare rating if it contributes to further bailouts of eurozone countries. (AP)

#### Firm accused of defrauding 5 Wis. school districts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal regulators are accusing brokerage firm Stifel Nicolaus & Co. of civil fraud in its sales of risky complex investments to five Wisconsin school districts that lost all of the \$200 million they invested. The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the lawsuit Wednesday against St. Louis-based Stifel Nicolaus and former senior vice president David Noack. The SEC said they misled officials of the school districts by telling them the investments made in 2006, which ended up failing, were safe. The investments were linked to default insurance protection on corporate bonds. The school districts' credit ratings were downgraded as a result.

# Nation

## Wash. boy pulled lifeless from ocean out of ICU

**LONG BEACH, Wash.** (AP)—Charles Ostrander's head hung back lifelessly as he was carried out of the frigid Pacific, 15 minutes or more after a rip tide sucked in the 12-year-old. Today, he's alive. How?

You could say prayers. There were many along the beach late last week as his body bobbed limply just below the ocean's surface. But there was also a team of volunteer rescuers, the medics who performed CPR well after all seemed lost, and another 12-year-old who risked her own life to help him before anyone else could.

And there was the ocean itself. At 56 degrees, the water was cold enough that it may have bought rescuers a little time.

The boy, who goes by his nickname, Dale, has spoken a few words since his ordeal and was moved out of intensive care Wednesday. It's unclear whether he'll fully recover, but his parents, Chad and Kirsten, have hope.

"There's been several miracles just in the circumstances of finding him, the fact that he's not dead, the fact that he can move, the fact that he can speak," Chad Ostrander said. "Unbelievable."

Dale was visiting the south-



Surf rescue swimmer Doug Knutzen carries 12 year-old Dale Ostrander to the shore of the Cranberry Road beach approach Friday, Aug. 5, 2011, in Long Beach, Wash.

west Washington coast with members of his church youth group Friday when the ocean's strong currents pulled him and another boy far from shore. They were just wading, not swimming, his father said.

"A rip tide hit them, kind of knocked them off their feet," said Shanon Kissel, a sawmill worker who was boogie boarding in a shallow area nearby with his daughter, Nicole.

Nicole took off after Dale on her boogie board, even though her father was yelling that she was going into a dangerous area.

"She didn't hear me. She just kept going after Dale," Kissel said.

The boy, dressed in a long-sleeve shirt and pants, struggled onto Nicole's three-foot boogie-board. The pair paddled ferociously toward shore as the rip current pulled them even farther from it.

Nicole said Dale told her, "Keep paddling. We're almost there."

"He told me his name, how old he was," she said. "I said a bad word and he said, 'God doesn't like that.'"

## FBI: Sibling suspects captured in Colo.

**PUEBLO, Colo.** (AP)—Three fugitive siblings accused of shooting at police in Florida and robbing a bank in Georgia were captured Wednesday in Colorado after crashing their car into a highway barrier during a high-speed chase.

Ryan Edward Dougherty, 21; Dylan Dougherty Stanley, 26; and Lee Grace Dougherty, 29, were targets of a nationwide search after they were accused of the crime spree.

Lee Dougherty was shot in the leg after the crash when she pointed a gun at an officer, authorities said. All three suspects were being treated for injuries at a hospital before being transferred to Pueblo County Jail.

## Texas plant will turn sewage into drinking water

**FORTWORTH, Texas** (AP)—In parched West Texas, it's often easier to drill for oil than to find new sources of water. So after years of diminishing water supplies made even worse by the second-most severe drought in state history, some communities are resorting to a plan that might have seemed absurd a generation ago: turning sewage into drinking water.

Construction recently began on a \$13 million water-reclamation plant believed to be the first of its kind in Texas. And officials have worked to dis-

"Ladies and gentleman, I'm proud to say we won," Pasco County, Fla., Sheriff Chris Nocco said. "We continuously said that if these three fugitives wanted a battle with law enforcement, we would win that battle. And that's what happened today."

He called the Doughertys "very, very dangerous people" and their capture a tremendous relief.

No troopers were hurt during the 20-mile chase on Interstate 25 that at times exceeded 100 mph. Shots were fired from the vehicle during the pursuit near Walsenburg, 145 miles south of Denver, officials said.

Some of Nocco's deputies were expected to fly to Colorado to interview the trio.

FBI Special Agent Phil Niedringhaus said the three face federal warrants in Florida and Georgia and that Colorado charges were expected. Officials had not decided how to handle extradition.

The siblings' mother, Barbara Bell of East Palatka, Fla., said she had no comment on the arrests. Last week, she urged the trio to give up before there was bloodshed.

A citizen tipped the Colorado State Patrol about 9 a.m. that the suspects were believed to be in Colorado City, about 25 miles north of Walsenburg. Their vehicle was later seen at a nearby campground, but the suspects fled before deputies arrived.

Similar plants have been operating for years in Tucson, Ariz., parts of California and in other countries. Water experts predict other American cities will follow suit as they confront growing populations, drought and other issues.

"Any water is good water, as far as I'm concerned," said Gary Fuqua, city manager in Big Spring, which will join the cities of Midland, Odessa and Stanton in using the water.

When the water finally reaches the tap, Fuqua said, its origin is "something I wouldn't

think about at all."

"It's happening all over the world," said Wade Miller, executive director of the WaterReuse Association based outside Washington. "In some places ... resources are down to very low levels, and this is one of the few resources available."

# Asia

## Airstrike kills insurgents who downed helicopter

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—

An airstrike by international forces has killed the Taliban insurgents responsible for the downing of a U.S. helicopter this weekend in which 38 U.S. and Afghan troops died, including the militant who launched the fatal rocket-propelled grenade, the military claimed Wednesday.

The claim of success comes amid fears that as U.S. troops begin to leave Afghanistan, the country is far from stable and remains deadly for those forces who remain. As U.S. troops thin out, special operations forces like those that died in Saturday's helicopter crash are likely to make up a greater part of the American force in Afghanistan.

F-16 fighter jets killed the insurgents responsible on Monday, according to the top American commander in Afghanistan, Marine Corps Gen. John Allen.

The military provided few details to back up the claim, but Allen said he was confident the airstrike killed fewer

than 10 insurgents involved in the attack on the U.S. Chinook helicopter.

"All of these operations generate intelligence," Allen said, including about those who fled the site of the crash.

"We tracked them as we would in the aftermath of any operation, and we dealt with them with a kinetic strike, and in the aftermath of that we have achieved certainty that they, in fact, were killed in that strike," Allen said. He spoke by video from his Kabul headquarters.

In a separate statement, the military said the strike killed a Taliban leader and the insurgent who fired the rocket-propelled grenade at the helicopter. That statement also cited intelligence gathered on the ground. It did not provide further details.

"This does not ease our loss, but we must and we will continue to relentlessly pursue the enemy," Allen said. The crash was the deadliest single loss for U.S. forces in the nearly 10-year Afghan war.

The military is still seeking

the top insurgent leader that troops were going after in Saturday's mission, Allen said.

Allen defended the decision to send in the Chinook loaded with special operations forces to aid Army Rangers pursuing insurgents in a dangerous region of eastern Afghanistan.

"The fact that we lost this aircraft is not ... a decision point as to whether we'll use this aircraft in the future," Allen said. "It's not uncommon at all to use this aircraft on our special missions."

According to officials, the team included 17 SEALs, five Navy special operations troops who support the SEALs, three Air Force airmen, a five-member Army air crew and a military dog, along with seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter.

Allen agreed that as U.S. troops begin to pull out of Afghanistan, such counterterrorism missions—often by special operations forces—will increase and become prominent. He spoke from Kabul to reporters at the Pentagon.

## North Korea disputes South Korea's artillery claim

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—

North Korea on Thursday called South Korea's claim of an artillery exchange between the rivals "preposterous," saying a frightened South mistook construction noise for artillery when it accused Pyongyang of opening fire near the rivals' disputed maritime line.

North Korea said in a statement that the South overreacted to "normal blasting" from a North Korean construction project "aimed at improving the standard of people's living." South Korean defense

officials say marines returned fire Wednesday after North Korea launched artillery shells into the same waters that saw a deadly artillery exchange between the countries last November.

"It was preposterous in the age of science when latest detecting and intelligence means are available that they mistook the blasting for shelling," an unnamed North Korean official said in a statement released by the official Korean Central News Agency. "It was a tragicomedy that they indis-

criminally reacted to what happened with counter-shelling even without confirming the truth about the case in the sensitive waters."

South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said three North Korean shells originally fired near the Northern Limit Line in the Yellow Sea prompted the South to fire three shells back. Another ministry official, who refused to be named because of office policy, said North Korea fired more rounds later in the day and South Korea responded.

### ASIA BRIEFS

#### Pakistan extradites Bali bombing suspect

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—A key suspect in the 2002 Bali bombings arrived in the Indonesian capital on Thursday after Pakistani authorities

extradited him more than six months after he was captured in Pakistan's northwest, officials said. Umar Patek allegedly built the bombs used in the suicide attacks on Bali nightclubs that killed 202 people, many of them Australian tourists. Patek, an Indonesian national, had a \$1 million bounty on his head when he was captured in the Pakistani town of Abbottabad on Jan. 25, four months before Osama bin Laden was killed there in a U.S. commando attack.

#### Myanmar fighting displaces 30,000 people this year

**BANGKOK** (AP)—More than 30,000 people have been displaced by fighting in eastern Myanmar this year despite the army handing power over to a nominally civilian government, activist groups said Wednesday. Civilians trau-

matized by atrocities by troops including rape and mutilation now face "a dire humanitarian crisis" as many have fled into forests near their villages in Shan state, according to the Shan Human Rights Foundation and the Shan Women's Action Network. The groups called for international donors to help with aid, saying many were enduring chronic shortages of food, water, shelter and medicine, and noting 24 people had died of diarrhea and malaria in the past month.

#### Cargo ship sinks after collision off Philippines

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—A rice-carrying cargo ship has gone down off the southern Philippines after colliding with a container ship. Coast guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Algier Ricafrente says rescuers plucked 21 crew members from the water but two are missing. He says officials are investigating how the 158-foot (48-meter) MV Bulk Carrier I and the larger Monrovia-registered MV HS Puccini hit each other Tuesday off Sarangani province.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
CUC-RFP-11-037

**EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT  
ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE (ORC)**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced companies or IPPs, to supply electrical energy produced from commercially proven Exhaust Heat Recovery systems (Organic Rankine Cycle), for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The heat recovery system will be tied to the exhaust systems on diesel engines at Power Plant No.1 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Exhaust Heat Recovery systems that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, any permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully the Exhaust Heat Recovery Systems.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-11-037**" **Exhaust Heat Recovery Project**" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Department of Community and Cultural Affairs**

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## **DCCA Child Care Program offers free training**

In its efforts to increase the quality of infant and toddler care in the CNMI the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care Program has worked in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College in offering a free 70-Hour Infant and Toddler Training Program. Currently 70 individuals have completed the program. The 70 hour training consist of 5 modules that incorporate health and safety issues, learning and development, socio-emotional development, group care, and culture.

Cohort 5 is scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks. Anyone interested in getting more information regarding this free training should contact Emi Pamintuan, Child Care Program at 664-2575.

Approved for distribution:

/s/ Melvin L.O. Faisao

CCDF Administrator/DCCA Secretary

July 28, 2011

### **Funding from Office of Child Care, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families**



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
CUC-IFB-11-046

**INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced engineering firms for preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning a new Above Ground Oil Storage Tank (AST), as per the specifications contained in the bid document and monitored through a construction management firm and/or a third party quality control firm, contracted by CUC.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 250.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC IFB 11-046 -INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 31, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
CUC-IFB-11-049

**INSTALLATION OF SEWER SERVICE LINES**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of Sewer Service Lines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists in general of the installation of sewer service lines to existing CUC sewer mains. When CUC customers are approved for sewer service, the contractor will obtain the required permits and connect them to the existing sewer mains. The work will include the sewer service line, sewer saddles, asphalt repairs, septic tank abandonment. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract or when the funds are exhausted.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (nonrefundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **August 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-11-049, Installation of Sewer Service Lines**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 1, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Commander, Kenneth Espin-Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth\_espin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM, ] Civil Action**  
Plaintiff, ] No. 08-0358-CV  
vs. ]  
**ROSLYN C. ] NOTICE OF**  
PALACIOS, ] AUCTION/  
Defendant. ] JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 3rd day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **18th day of August, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot EA 141-3 (part of original EA 141), located in As Perdito, Saipan, containing an area 2,493 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2033/83, the original of which was recorded on January 13, 1983 as Document No. 16277 at Land Registry, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
  - a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
  - b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
  - c) To reject any and all bids.
2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

# World

## British police out in force as violence subsides

**LONDON** (AP)—Britain's cities were largely quiet early Thursday after days of rioting and looting that drew thousands of extra police officers onto the streets and a stern warning from Prime Minister David Cameron that order would be restored by whatever means necessary.

Tensions remained high even

in the absence of any major incidents, and Cameron has recalled Parliament from its summer recess for an emergency debate on the riots later Thursday. He will face mounting pressure to reconsider planned police budget cuts, which critics claim will strain an already overstretched force.

An eerie calm prevailed over

most of London overnight, with a highly visible police presence watching over the capital. Metropolitan Police said objects had been thrown at officers in south London's Eltham neighborhood but that the incident had been "dealt with" and a group was dispersed.

Other cities where looters had

wreaked havoc earlier this week also came through the night largely unscathed, though for the first time minor disturbances were reported in Wales.

Police continued to make arrests linked to the disturbances, with the number of arrests in London alone climbing to 820.

Courts were staffing around the clock to process alleged looters, vandals and thieves - including one as young as 11.

Even as Cameron promised Wednesday not to let a "culture of fear" take hold, tensions flared in Birmingham, where a murder probe was opened after three men were killed in a hit-and-run incident as they took to the streets to defend shops from looting.

## NATO: Libya airstrike killed troops, not civilians

**BENGHAZI, Libya** (AP)—NATO and Libyan officials both refuted damaging claims Wednesday in the 6-month old civil war, with NATO insisting its airstrike killed soldiers and mercenaries, not 85 civilians, and the state-run TV apparently showing Moammar Gadhafi's youngest son alive to counter rebel allegations of his death.

NATO spokesman Col. Roland Lavoie said the Libyan claim of civilian casualties in an airstrike near the western frontline town of Zlitan "was not corroborated by available factual information at the site."

NATO aircraft hit a staging

base and military accommodation 10 kilometers (6 miles) south of Zlitan, Lavoie said from the operational command in Naples, Italy. Four buildings and nine vehicles within the compound were struck with precision-guided munitions, he said.

"With our surveillance capabilities, we monitored this military compound very carefully before striking it," Lavoie said. "A number of military or mercenary casualties were expected due to the nature of the activity we monitored."

"Our assessment, based on the level of destruction of the buildings, confirms the likelihood of military and mercenary casualties," he said.

Meanwhile, Libyan state television broadcast images of a man it said was 27-year-old Khamis Gadhafi, who commands one of the best trained and equipped units in the Libyan military.

Rebels had claimed Friday that Khamis Gadhafi was killed in another airstrike in Zlitan. The regime dismissed the allegation and said the rebels were only trying to deflect attention from the killing last week of the opposition's military commander, possibly by other rebels.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP11-DPW/ED-114**

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 08, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENERGY DIVISION"**

THE COMPLETE SCOPR OF WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON **AUGUST 05, 2011** AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD, THIRD (3RD) FLORR, MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA #315, SUSUPE, SAIPAN OR REQUESTED VIA EMAIL TO [solarpvs@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:solarpvs@recovery.gov.mp) DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A **MANDATORY WALK THROUGH** IS SCHEDULED FOR **AUGUST 22-23, 2011** STARTING AT **9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME**.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING NO LATER THAN **4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME ON AUGUST 26, 2011** VIA E-MAIL TO [solarpvs@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:solarpvs@recovery.gov.mp)

**THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT APPLICABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.**

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLON  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ THELMA B. INOS  
DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIVISION

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA  
CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON  
DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

**LOGISTICS COORDINATOR/REPRESENTATIVE**

Our company is a logistics services provider and we are currently in need of a Logistics Coordinator/Representative for Saipan with the following requirements:

1. Minimum of 1 year experience in freight and warehouse operations
2. Associate or Bachelor's degree holder
3. Customer service skills, and good written and oral communication skills
4. Computer literate and proficient in MS Office Word, Excel, Access, and Outlook
5. Able to handle up to 50 lbs. cargo on a case to case basis
6. Eligible for employment in the United States.

Interested applicants may submit their application and/or resume to [jardinerom@yahoo.com](mailto:jardinerom@yahoo.com)

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY  
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP11-DPW/ED-118**

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 07, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**"TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR WASTE CHARACTERIZATION AND WTE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENERGY DIVISION"**

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER **AUGUST 05, 2011** AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD, LOCATED AT THE MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA, THIRD FLOOR, OFFICE #315 OR REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO [techsupport\\_assistance@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:techsupport_assistance@recovery.gov.mp)

A **MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** WILL BE HELD ON **AUGUST 23, 2011** AT **9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME** AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, GUALO RAI COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL TO [techsupport\\_assistance@recovery.gov.mp](mailto:techsupport_assistance@recovery.gov.mp) OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3016 NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS **AUGUST 25, 2011**.

**THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT**

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLON  
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

/S/ THELMA B. INOS  
DIRECTOR, ENERGY DIV.

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON  
DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ MICHAEL J. ADA  
CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950-1220 U.S.A.  
Tel. Nos. (670) 235-7025 to 32 Fax (670) 235-5131

**Job Vacancy Announcement**

Opening Date: August 9, 2011

Closing Date: Until Filled

MECHANIC At Power Plant: JVA No. 11-037  
ELECTRICIAN At Power Plant: JVA No. 11-038

**SENIOR SPECIALIST**

**DUTIES:** Under the overall supervision of the deputy director or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. May serve as a crew leader to include assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Prepares training information and materials for an assigned technical training program for trades staff. Performs journey level operations, installations and/or repairs in service area assigned. Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Operates the control room by monitoring fuel consumption and synchronizing feeders; Serves as an auxiliary operator by monitoring lubrication oil, fuel, water and air temperatures and taking readings; Takes readings to ensure temperatures, pressure and tank levels are in normal range; Starts engines; Monitors loads on feeders and generators; Takes midnight readings; Incinerates waste oil; Performs startup operations; Performs minor and major repairs and overhauls on equipment; Reconditions equipment; Fabricates parts; Calibrates equipment, instruments and performs adjustments; Prepares SCADA system maintenance; Maintains a clean and orderly workplace. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level. SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

**LOCATION:** ROTA, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**POSITIONS:** Minimum of one position per JVA.

**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.

**SALARY:** \$30,000 to \$45,000 per annum; un-classified; un-graded. Plus relocation costs to Rota is negotiable if hired from outside of Rota.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and three years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable level experience related to the area assigned. Completion of an apprenticeship program or vocational school program or having a recognized license in the field of work is preferred. **Knowledge of:** Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Mentoring and teaching staff; Monitoring and assigning work to staff; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication; interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a valid U.S. driver's license and be able to get a CNMI driver's license upon hire. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED.

Public Law 17-36 restricts CUC in the hiring foreign national workers. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents, or otherwise eligible to work in the U.S. and specifically the CNMI without needing sponsorship by CUC for a U.S. work visa.

Applications may be picked up at the Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building or the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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**Job Vacancy Announcement**

Opening Date: August 9, 2011

Closing Date: Until Filled

OPERATOR At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-033  
MECHANIC At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-034  
ELECTRICIAN At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-035  
ELECTRICIAN At Water and Wastewater: JVA No. 11-036

**SENIOR SPECIALIST**

**DUTIES:** Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. May serve as a crew leader to include assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Prepares training information and materials for an assigned technical training program for trades staff. Performs journey level operations, installations and/or repairs in service area assigned. Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Operates the control room by monitoring fuel consumption and synchronizing feeders; Serves as an auxiliary operator by monitoring lubrication oil, fuel, water and air temperatures and taking readings; Takes readings to ensure temperatures, pressure and tank levels are in normal range; Starts engines; Monitors loads on feeders and generators; Takes midnight readings; Incinerates waste oil; Performs startup operations; Performs minor and major repairs and overhauls on equipment; Reconditions equipment; Fabricates parts; Calibrates equipment, instruments and performs adjustments; Prepares SCADA system maintenance; Maintains a clean and orderly workplace. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level. SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

**LOCATION:** SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**POSITIONS:** Minimum of two positions per JVA.

**CONTRACT:** Not Contracted.

**SALARY:** \$30,000 to \$45,000 per annum; un-classified; un-graded. Plus relocation costs to Saipan is negotiable if hired from outside the Northern Mariana Islands.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and three years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable level experience related to the area assigned. Completion of an apprenticeship program or vocational school program or having a recognized license in the field of work is preferred. **Knowledge of:** Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Mentoring and teaching staff; Monitoring and assigning work to staff; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication; interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a valid U.S. driver's license and be able to get a CNMI driver's license upon hire. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BANK OF GUAM, ] CIVIL ACTION  
Plaintiff, ] NO. 11-0119-CV**  
vs. ]  
**MOSES M. ] AMENDED  
SAN NICOLAS, ] SUMMONS  
Defendant. ]**

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT  
MOSES M. SAN NICOLAS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwan Aweewa, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 13th day of July, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
CUC-IFB-11-050

**REHABILITATION OF SEWER LIFT STATION NO. S-3**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station No. 3 located in Lower Base, Saipan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the wet well, replacement of pumps, guide rails, control panel cleanup of the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, pipes, reconditioning of generator, asphalt paving, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 19, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. S-3" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth\_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
CUC-IFB-11-047

**QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced third party inspection firms to provide CUC or the Construction Manager (CM), "Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) Services" during the preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning the tank and connected pipeline, if any, as per the specifications contained in the bid document.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Construction Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB 11 - 047 - QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 30, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
CUC-RFP-11-052

**PROCUREMENT OF SEWER PUMP TRUCKS (VACTOR)**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of Two (2) New Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor) for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The trucks will jet and vacuum wastewater from the sewer systems. The vehicles should be small enough to work on Saipan's side streets (secondary roadways). The vehicles should be equipped to work at night, in traffic, without a power source.

The RFP packet and specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-052, Procurement of Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2011. Offerors are required to complete all Bid Forms. Offerors may supplement this form as appropriate. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Offeror.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth\_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
CUC-RFP-11-048

**GEOTHERMAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON SAIPAN, CNMI**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of generating electricity. Proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperatures suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

Proposer must submit a development plan including: (1) a timeline and milestones for resource assessment, exploration drilling, resource development and plant construction, and delivery of electricity to the grid; and (2) a pricing schedule for electricity delivered to the grid. The successful Proposer must have demonstrated capability and provide equipment and materials necessary to (1) assess geothermal potential and identify targets for exploratory drilling, (2) perform exploration- and production-hole drilling, and (3) construct and operate geothermal power plants.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST), at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**One (1) original and Six (6) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than August 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE  
Executive Director

# Off the Wall

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Wild donkeys to be taken from Hawaii to California

HONOLULU (AP)—In an effort to control the Big Island's wild donkey population, about 100 of them are being taken to California. KITV reports (<http://bit.ly/qqIQV0>) the Humane Society of the United States is planning to remove the donkeys on a chartered plane next month. Humane Society's Hawaii director Inga Gibson says they'll go to animal sanctuaries. Drought conditions led the donkeys from the highlands into a populated area in search of water. Donkeys were appearing near the highway and a school. The Humane Society and a local veterinarian have been trapping and sterilizing animals from the rapidly growing population estimated at about 400 to 600 donkeys. At the end of the month, a clinic is to be set up at a ranch to castrate captured male donkeys.

### Video shows whale 'dancing' at Conn wedding

MYSTIC, Conn. (AP)—Trainers say a beluga whale seen bobbing to the music of a mariachi band on a wedding video taken at a Connecticut aquarium wasn't really dancing. The video has become an Internet hit since being posted by Bill Kurtz of West Haven, a guest at the July wedding of Kimberly Mikenis and Kevin Van Aelst of New Haven. But Mystic Aquarium senior trainer Kelly O'Neil tells the New Haven Register (<http://bit.ly/qAIXUR>) that Juno, the 1,200-pound beluga on the video, has been trained to bob in response to certain arm movements, and was apparently responding to the movements of the band's guitar player. O'Neil says the whale's apparent interest in the wedding was probably due to the music's vibrations, those physical cues and the whale's natural curiosity.

### NY's 'Rent Too Damn High' candidate faces eviction

NEW YORK (AP)—A candidate who ran for New

York governor because "the rent is too damn high" says he's being evicted from his rent-controlled Manhattan apartment because his landlord wants to charge a new tenant more. Jimmy McMillan tells the New York Post (<http://nyp.st/p4FATp>) he pays \$872 for the rent-controlled East Village apartment. He says the landlord wants him out because "my rent is too damn low." McMillan, now planning a run for president, says he's told his lawyer to file a counter-claim for \$70,000. The case is pending in Housing Court. Building owner Lisco Holdings said in court papers that McMillan violated his lease because the apartment is not his primary residence as required by rent-controlled rules. It says he lives in Brooklyn. McMillan says that address is his office.

### Blue shark found decomposing in the woods in NH

MILTON, N.H. (AP)—Authorities are investigating the discovery of a decomposing blue shark in the woods of New Hampshire. Police say they found the 6- to 8-foot shark Thursday night after someone reported smelling something decomposing. Police tell WMUR-TV (<http://bit.ly/n9ithU>) that they believe someone caught the shark and later decided to get rid of it by dragging it into the woods in the small town of Milton, about a 45-mile drive from the ocean.

### Wash. woman's listing as slain is surprise to her

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP)—Cheri Schumann would like Kennewick High School's class of 1971 to know she is very much alive. A story in Saturday's Tri-City Herald about Kennewick High's reunion focused on seven classmates who were slain out of 80 who had died. Schumann—now Cheri Taylor—was included. But Taylor lives in Mill Creek, north of Seattle, with her husband and four children. She says she's happy, healthy and not ready to be buried. Reunion co-chairwoman Debra Blum told the newspaper (<http://bit.ly/qwpMcG>) the report of Taylor's premature demise came by email, apparently from another classmate. Blum says she used other sources to verify it.

# Science & Technology



In this March 25, 2011 file photo, customers wait outside the Apple store in Munich before the start of sales of the iPad2. AP

## iPads trump oil: Apple is most valuable US company

NEW YORK (AP)—It doesn't take a visit to the Genius Bar to figure out how Apple became the most valuable company in America.

Its lineup of sleek phones, computers and iPods, irresistible to customers even in tough economic times, propelled it to the No. 1 position by market value Wednesday, surpassing Exxon Mobil. Apple's stock on the open market is now worth more than any other company's.

Apple's stock fell for the day, but Exxon's fell more. Apple finished with a market value of \$337 billion, beating Exxon's \$331 billion. A single share of Apple stock now costs \$363.

Apple occupies a rarefied spot once held by General Electric and Apple's own rival Microsoft. Exxon had held the top spot since 2005.

The power shift is a substantial milestone for Apple, which has enjoyed a triumphant

comeback since the 1990s, when it struggled to stay afloat before its co-founder Steve Jobs returned to take the helm.

But it's not just the comeback. Gleacher & Co. analyst Brian Marshall says Apple is giving investors something that has never been seen before. Apple's numbers are huge, with \$30 billion in revenue in the latest quarter, for example. Yet Marshall said the 35-year-old company is "growing like a startup."

"Even in 2008 and 2009 Apple grew like a weed and the world was coming to an end," Marshall said.

Apple grew its net income 70 percent to \$14 billion and its revenue 52 percent to \$65 billion in the fiscal year that ended last September. A year earlier, even as other companies—though not Exxon—were reeling from the economic meltdown, Apple's earnings

70 percent to \$14 billion and its revenue 52 percent to \$65 billion in the fiscal year that ended last September. A year earlier, even as other companies—though not Exxon—were reeling from the economic meltdown, Apple's earnings

grew 35 percent and its revenue 14 percent.

Apple wasn't always a tech darling. The company, known as Apple Computer Inc. when it was founded in 1976, was on a steep decline before Jobs returned in 1997.

With Jobs as CEO, Apple is known for dreaming up gadgets that people don't think they need until they get their hands on them—or see friends and relatives with them. There were music players, smartphones and tablet computers before Apple introduced the iPod, the iPhone and the iPad. But the Apple gadgets' sleek, minimalist design and intuitive software have garnered them a loyal following among tech geeks and everyday consumers alike.

"Never underestimate the power of Joe Sixpack relative to expenditures on consumer electronics," Marshall said.

## 'Amazing' therapy wipes out leukemia in study

NEW YORK (AP)—Scientists are reporting the first clear success with a new approach for treating leukemia—turning the patients' own blood cells into assassins that hunt and destroy their cancer cells.

They've only done it in three patients so far, but the results were striking: Two appear cancer-free up to a year after treatment, and the third patient is improved but still has some cancer. Scientists are already preparing to try the same gene therapy technique for other kinds of cancer.

"It worked great. We were surprised it worked as well as it did," said Dr. Carl June, a gene therapy expert at the University of Pennsylvania. "We're just a year out now. We

need to find out how long these remissions last."

He led the study, published Wednesday by two journals, New England Journal of Medicine and Science Translational Medicine.

It involved three men with very advanced cases of chronic lymphocytic leukemia, or CLL. The only hope for a cure now is bone marrow or stem cell transplants, which don't always work and carry a high risk of death.

Scientists have been working for years to find ways to boost the immune system's ability to fight cancer. Earlier attempts at genetically modifying bloodstream soldiers called T-cells have had limited success; the modified cells

didn't reproduce well and quickly disappeared.

June and his colleagues made changes to the technique, using a novel carrier to deliver the new genes into the T-cells and a signaling mechanism telling the cells to kill and multiply.

That resulted in armies of "serial killer" cells that targeted cancer cells, destroyed them, and went on to kill new cancer as it emerged. It was known that T-cells attack viruses that way, but this is the first time it's been done against cancer, June said.

For the experiment, blood was taken from each patient and T-cells removed. After they were altered in a lab, millions of the cells were returned to the patient in three infusions.

*In Celebration of His New Life*

## †Estevan Ramos Cruz

*Lovingly known as "Bang or Estevan Negaru"*

*Born: August 2, 1957 • Died: August 9, 2011*

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

**Wife:** Emily Ubongen Cruz

**Children:** Estevan Jr., Emery, Elaine Juana, Eugene Justo, Eloy Bernardo, Esiah Beltran, Eric Simeon, Edmund & Eva Dolores

**Brothers and in-laws:** †Marcelino R. and Rosa H. Ogo & children, Bernardo & Maria Paz & children, Justo & Carmen & children

**Brothers and Sisters In-Laws:** Simeon, Jr., Lazarro, and Victor Ubongen, Cora Calub, Carmen Cruz, Aida Aguila

In his new life he joins his:

**Father:** Pedro San Nicolas Cruz

**Mother:** Juana Castro Ramos Cruz

**Brothers:** Marcelino R. Ogo and Beltran R. Cruz

**Sister:** Rita R. Ogo

**Parents In Law:** Simeon Abuan Ubongen, Marcelina Liclican Ubongen, Florideliza Quintip

**Sister In Law:**

Holy Rosary is being said at 5:30pm at the San Vicente Church followed immediately by Mass of Intention at 6:00pm.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. His remains will be escorted from the CHC Chapel at 7:00am to San Vicente Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 3:00pm followed by Interment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Please Join Us In Prayers,

**Emily Ubongen Cruz  
Children and Family**

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*Dolores Barcina Agulto Inos*

Lovingly known as "Ling/Koki"

Born to Life: January 23, 1948

Was called to her Eternal Life with Christ on August 6, 2011

*In her new life, she now joins her:*

Parents:

Brothers:

Sisters :

Reared Daughter:

Parents-in-law:

Brother-in-law:

Sisters-in-law:

Thomas Concepcion Agulto and Ana Barcina Agulto

Pedro Barcina Agulto and Jesus Barcina Agulto

Maria Barcina Agulto and Modesta Agulto Bartolo

Katherine Agulto Deleon Guerrero

Vicente Atalig Inos and Ana Songao Inos

Marcus Songao Inos

Dianne Masga Inos and Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos

*Her Spirit and Memories will live forever in the hearts of her:*

Loving Husband:

Children:

Eloy Songao Inos

Dora Anne Inos-Deleon Guerrero (Gerald)

Desirae Dionne, Gerald John, and Eloy Thomas

Elaine Michelle A. Inos (Joel S. Borja)

Jordan Esabella

Eloise Kay A. Inos

Christine Mae A. Inos (Parker Yobei)

Mia Danielle

Fleuretta Jean A. Inos

Zeno C. Deleon Guerrero (Tina)

Tasha Rae and Zeno, Jr.

Jose B. Agulto (Francine) &amp; Children

Pedro Bartolo &amp; Children

Dolores M. Agulto &amp; Children

Cristobal S. Inos &amp; Children

Joseph S./Lucinda S. Inos &amp; Children

Esther I./Jose S. Basa &amp; Children

Juanita I./Ramon L. Takai &amp; Children

Rufin I./Thelma B. Inos &amp; Children

Lucy I./Ramon M. Sablan &amp; Children

Brother:

In-laws:

Brothers &amp; Sisters-in-law:

Dear Friend &amp; Caregiver:

Marita A. Corpuz

She is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and will be greatly missed by many friends.

Daily Mass is offered nightly at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Monday, August 15, 2011, her remains will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. and will be escorted to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and paying of last respects.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

*Dangkulu Na Si Yuus Ma'ase, Olomwaiay and Thank You*

Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, Children and Family

# Life & Style

## TBS canceling comic George Lopez's talk show

LOS ANGELES (AP)—George Lopez, who surrendered his TBS time slot to Conan O'Brien and then saw ratings for "Lopez Tonight" slide, got a cancellation notice Wednesday. Lopez's Thursday show at midnight will be the final one, the cable network said in a statement.

"TBS has reached the difficult decision not to order a third season of 'Lopez Tonight,'" the network said, adding that it was proud to have worked with the "immensely talented comedian and entertainer."

TBS declined further comment. The decision was based not only on ratings but also the cost of the show, according to a



In this May 6, 2010 file photo, TV personality George Lopez arrives at the 10th Annual Lupus LA Orange Ball in Beverly Hills, Calif.

person familiar with the production, who spoke on condition of anonymity because TBS hadn't authorized public comment.

A call to Lopez's representatives was not immediately returned.

The comic gave up his 11 p.m. ET time slot to make room for O'Brien, who joined TBS after leaving NBC's "Tonight" over a time-slot dispute that ended up reinstating Jay Leno as "Tonight" host.

The plan for TBS was to have a one-two punch of late-night shows that would particularly appeal to young viewers, but the results have been unimpressive and the cancellation unsurprising, said media analyst Brad

Adgate of Horizon Media.

"The only positive was a young median age" of about 32, Adgate said, which is part of the younger adult audience favored by advertisers.

Lopez was among the rare minority entertainers to get a shot at a late-night show, with Arsenio Hall and Wanda Sykes also in the group. Late-night hosts are uniformly white and male, including O'Brien, Leno, David Letterman, Craig Ferguson, Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel.

Neither Lopez nor O'Brien has been covered in ratings glory since TBS made its bold move to snare the former broadcast network star.

Lopez's total viewership dropped 40 percent in its second year, from an average of 910,000 nightly viewers at 11 p.m. ET to 543,000 at midnight. In August, the audience has dropped to 391,000.

"Conan" has been drawing slightly more than 1 million viewers for the season, just 13 percent higher than Lopez did in his first year, Adgate said, citing Nielsen Co. figures.



In this recent but undated photo provided by the Palin family, Track Palin, third from right, is seen with his new bride Britta Hanson, third from left, and her parents, Duane and Elizabeth Hanson, left, and his parents, Sarah and Todd Palin, right, after their wedding ceremony in Hatcher Pass, Alaska. On Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, Britta Palin gave birth to a baby girl.

### Palin has new granddaughter, Kyla Grace

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Sarah Palin is a grandmother again.

Kyla Grace Palin was born Saturday to Palin's eldest son, 22-year-old Track Palin, and his new wife, 21-year-old Britta Hanson.

Hanson's mother, Elizabeth Hanson, confirmed the birth and told The Associated Press that the baby girl is "exquisite." At birth, the littlest Palin weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, according to the maternal grandmother.

"She's adorable," she said Wednesday, adding that the family is doing well. "We're

all extremely excited about her arrival."

Sarah Palin, a former Alaska governor and the 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee, is mulling a possible run for the presidency in 2012. She has not made a public comment about the new addition to the family.

Track Palin and Britta Hanson were high-school sweethearts. They married three months ago at Hatcher Pass, a scenic mountain pass not far from Sarah Palin's Wasilla home.

"Yes, they did & we couldn't be any more blessed!" Sarah Palin tweeted on May 19.

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**Final Destination 5**

Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50  
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50  
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15  
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

Nicholas D'Agosto, Emma Bell

Horror • Rated R

#### Synopsis

Death stalks a group of co-workers who avoid a grisly demise in a massive suspension bridge collapse after one of them experiences a terrifying premonition in the fifth installment of the popular Final Destination series. Series regular Tony Todd returns in this sequel starring David Koechner, Emma Bell, Nicholas D'Agosto, and Miles Fisher.



**30 Minutes or Less**

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35  
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35  
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05  
Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

Jesse Eisenberg, Danny McBride

Comedy • Rated R

#### Synopsis

Small-town pizza delivery driver Nick (Jesse Eisenberg) stumbles into an elaborate crime scheme when he's abducted by a pair of ambitious criminals (Danny McBride and Nick Swardson) who coerce him into robbing a bank on a strict timeline. Desperate, Nick implores his former best friend Chet (Aziz Ansari) to help him out of the predicament.



**Rise of the Planet of the Apes**

Friday 4:20 7:20 10:00  
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 10:00  
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20  
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20

James Franco, Freida Pinto

Science fiction • Rated PG 13

#### Synopsis

The Escapist director Rupert Wyatt takes the helm for this Planet of the Apes prequel centering on genetically engineered chimp Caesar (Andy Serkis), who was created in a San Francisco lab by an ambitious father/son scientist team (John Lithgow and James Franco), and who uses his powerful intellect to lead an ape uprising against all of humankind.



**Change-Up**

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30  
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30  
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00  
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman

Comedy • Rated R

#### Cowboys and Aliens

Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45  
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45  
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10  
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10

Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford

Science fiction, Western • Rated PG 13



**The Smurfs**

Friday 4:30 7:30 9:40  
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40  
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30  
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

Hank Azaria, George Lopez

Children's family, Comedy • Rated PG

#### Captain America: The First Avenger

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55  
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55  
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25  
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Chris Evans, Tommy Lee Jones

Action • Rated PG 13

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**'America's Most Wanted' host getting special Emmy**

NEW YORK (AP)—"America's Most Wanted" creator, John Walsh, is getting a special Emmy Award in tribute to his just-canceled weekly show.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences board voted this week to give Walsh its Governors Award at the Creative Arts Emmys on Sept. 10 in Los Angeles. The honor goes to a person or organization that makes a substantial impact or demonstrates an extraordinary use of television.

Walsh became a crime-fighting activist after his 6-year-old son, Adam, was kidnapped and killed in 1981. "America's Most Wanted" publicized fugitives and has claimed responsibility for nearly 1,200 arrests since its 1988 premiere. Fox canceled the show this spring.

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—The eldest daughter of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver says she fled to London after her parents separated, in part to escape a storm of unwanted attention.

Katherine Schwarzenegger tells Harper's Bazaar magazine (<http://bit.ly/nQeBrc>) she wanted to "go away and realize that it's not as big a deal in other places."

Shriver and the former Republican governor are in the midst of a divorce, after Arnold Schwarzenegger confirmed in May he fathered an out-of-wedlock child with a former housekeeper.

Their 21-year-old daughter never mentions her now-teenaged half-brother in the interview, while discussing what she calls "definitely a difficult time."



In this April 6, 2011 photo, actor Alec Baldwin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, to discuss the Fair Elections Now Act.

## Alec Baldwin eyes NYC mayor office, but after 2013

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Alec Baldwin says he's thinking of running for mayor of New York, but not until he learns more about the job.

The "30 Rock" actor tells The New York Times (<http://nyti.ms/mSAkvB>) he'll sit out the 2013 race but will consider running in a later election.

In a wide-ranging interview, the 53-year-old says he's talking with two universities about enrolling in a master's program in politics and government. He says he wants to better understand what the fiscal imperatives of the mayor's job are.

He says running in 2013 is impossible because he's obligated to complete the current season of "30 Rock."

Baldwin says he plans to establish a permanent city residence before running. His legal residence is Amagansett, Long Island. He has owned a Manhattan apartment for two decades.

## 'Twilight' actor arrested in Mesa

**MESA, Ariz.** (AP)—Authorities say an actor who plays a werewolf in the "Twilight" movie series has been arrested in Arizona on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office says 21-year-old Kiowa Gordon was arrested earlier this week in Mesa on an outstanding warrant.

The Arizona Republic (<http://bit.ly/psjDvr>) reports Gordon is being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond and has a court appearance scheduled Aug. 18.

Gordon plays wolf pack member Embry Call in the "Twilight" movies.

According to court records, a warrant was issued for Gordon after he failed to appear following a Feb. 2010 guilty plea in Scottsdale Municipal Court to possession and use of drug paraphernalia and giving liquor to a minor/underage consumption. Gordon is being held on an additional \$500 bond on those charges.

# Kate Moss inspired to wed by 'Gypsy Weddings' show

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Kate Moss felt inspired to get married by watching the British reality show "Big Fat Gypsy Weddings" which follows real-life gypsy women planning to get married.

The September issue of Vogue magazine goes inside the supermodel's July wedding to musician Jamie Hince. Moss says she was charmed by the extravagance of gypsy weddings with wedding gowns that are like "blinging butterflies times ten."

The 37-year-old's nuptials were also no small affair. She had 16 bridesmaids and flower girls, a carnival tent and tepees for children, specialty cocktails called Kate 76 made with vodka, champagne, crushed ice and sugar and a gown designed by John Galliano.

Moss admits in the article that planning the wedding made her "mental."

In this magazine cover image taken by Mario Testino for Vogue, model Kate Moss is shown on the cover of the September 2011 issue of "Vogue," available on newsstands nationwide on Aug. 23.



## Producer says Jennifer Lopez will return to 'Idol'



**NEW YORK** (AP)—An executive producer of the hit musical reality TV show "American Idol" says celebrity judge Jennifer Lopez will return for another season. Lopez hasn't said anything.

But executive producer Nigel Lythgoe (LITH'-goh) was on the "On-Air with Ryan Seacrest" program on Wednesday morning and made the announcement. He acknowledged it wasn't official. But he added he was "delighted to say that all three judges" and the show's "brilliant host" are back for the next season.

Seacrest is the show's host. Singer-actress Lopez debuted as a judge this past season. The other judges are Aerosmith rocker Steven Tyler and record producer Randy Jackson.

"American Idol" is due to return to Fox television in January for its 11th season.

In this May 25, 2011 file photo, actress and singer Jennifer Lopez arrives at the American Idol Finale in Los Angeles. AP

## DC police demotion follows Sheen escort dustup

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The commander of a District of Columbia police division who publicly clashed with the chief over the use and frequency of police escorts for celebrities after the Charlie Sheen ride has been demoted.

Hilton Burton said he was transferred out of special opera-

tions and demoted to captain in the medical clinic for injured officers. He said he believes his demotion was in response to his June appearance before the D.C. Council, in which he said police escorts were routinely provided for celebrities visiting Washington.

The testimony contradicted statements by Police Chief Cathy

Lanier. She had said a police escort from a northern Virginia airport for Sheen in April violated department policy because of its speed and use of sirens, and that escorts weren't generally intended for celebrities.

Lanier told reporters Tuesday the demotion had nothing to with Burton's testimony.

## Heroes both young and old persevere over adversity

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR READERS:** Yesterday I shared some of the emails you sent when "Alison in Ashland, Ore." asked you to name your heroes. Today I am sharing more. If you have found them to be as uplifting and energizing as I have, at a time when most of the news we read today has been so depressing, read on:



**DEAR ABBY:** Elizabeth Smart is my hero. She went on a forced ride and nine-month stay in hell, came back and has triumphed over that horror with grace, dignity and amazing maturity.

DR. MARK M. IN UTAH

**DEAR ABBY:** One of our family heroes is Ruby Bridges. Only 6 years old, a black child in the South, Ruby attended an all-white elementary school in New Orleans, enduring isolation, harassment and even death threats. Thanks to Ruby and all Americans who helped to break down racial barriers in education.

MELINDA IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR ABBY:** My hero happens to be famous, but that's NOT why she's my hero. It's Tina Turner. She started young and became famous because she had an amazing talent. However, when her marriage dissolved, she was reduced to manual labor to support herself and her children. She struggled to get her career back and, after years, regained her place in the entertainment world. She's my hero because she fell, got back up (no one did it for her) and made her place once again. She's a great example of human perseverance and I really admire her.

TAMARA G., ORLANDO, FLA.

**DEAR ABBY:** Regarding real heroes, I nominate the journalists and writers who, at risk to their own lives, report the truth on what's happening in war-torn countries or in countries ruled by dictators. These brave men and women work under threats of murder, torture and/or imprisonment.

BRENDA IN ATLANTA

**DEAR ABBY:** My hero, Ken, is now 90. He's one of the few remaining vets who walked Bataan and survived, after 3 1/2 years as a Japanese POW. He returned beaten and broken to marry and produce 10 children whom he loved intensely. His captivity made him a more loving husband, father and friend, and never did I hear him express hatred for his captors.

With so much hatred and violence in this world, Ken had the secret to spiritual and physical inner peace. I'll not have another hero to match him.

DICK H., ROSEVILLE, MINN.

**DEAR ABBY:** A real hero is someone who donates an organ so that someone else may live. A real hero is someone who donates time to feed the hungry at a mission or sit with the elderly. There is a difference, to me, between a hero and someone who is brave.

LARRY S., FLEMINGSBURG, KY.

**DEAR ABBY:** Some time ago, a plane crashed in a river near Washington, D.C. It was winter and a helicopter was plucking survivors out of the freezing water. One woman had a broken arm and was unable to continue holding onto the rope suspended from the helicopter. She fell back into the river, soon to perish. A young bystander jumped, fully clothed, into the freezing water and brought her back to the bank. That, to me, is a real hero.

RICK G., METAIRIE, LA.

**DEAR ABBY:** I live in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and our town was devastated by a tornado on April 27. I can't tell you how many people came to help out. People who lost everything were helping others. When it was announced that something was needed, people from many states drove here with trailers full of relief supplies. Don't tell me we don't have heroes. Just look around and notice who's out there helping when the need is there. Better yet, don't be looking, be doing it yourself and YOU will be the hero.

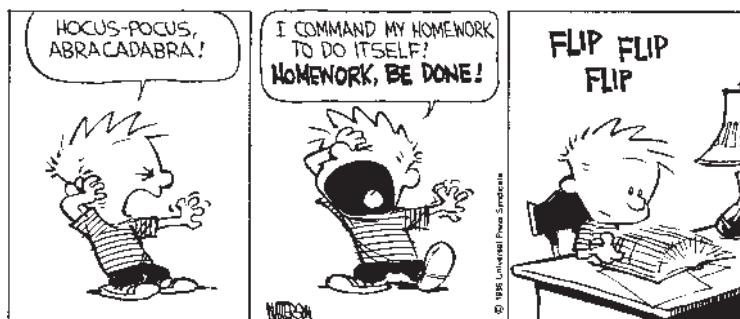
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**DEAR READERS:** To read a longer version of this column, go to [DearAbby.com](http://DearAbby.com).

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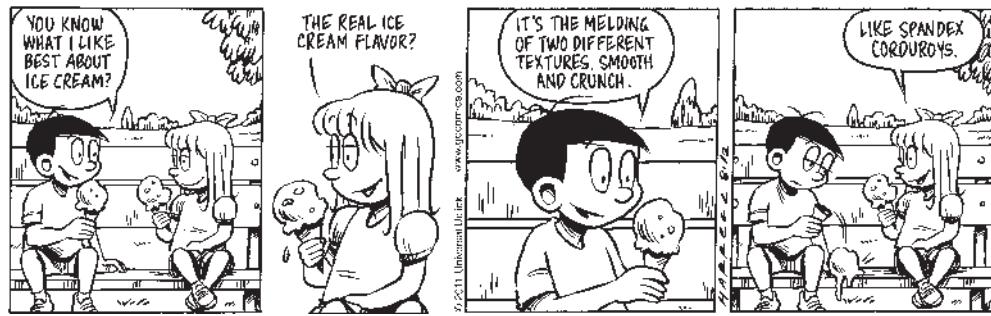
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# Uggla extends streak to 31 in Braves win



MIAMI (AP)—  
Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to 31 games and

Tim Hudson pitched into the eighth inning to lead Atlanta to a three-game sweep after a 6-2 win over the Florida Marlins.

Uggla's two-run single in the first inning tied Rico Carty for the second-longest streak in franchise history. Tommy Holmes hit in 37 straight for the Boston Braves in 1945.

Uggla went 3 for 5, his ninth multihit game during the longest hitting streak in the majors this season.

Logan Morrison hit his 17th home run for the Marlins, who have lost seven straight.

Eric Hinske drove in two runs for the Braves, who have won six of seven.

Hudson (12-7) allowed two runs in 7 1-3 innings and struck out seven. Jonny Venters(notes) struck out Brett Hayes(notes) with the bases loaded in the ninth to record his fourth save.

Anibal Sanchez (6-6) stretched his winless streak to 11 games. He allowed five runs in 1 2-3 innings.

## Diamondbacks 6, Astros 3

In Phoenix, Josh Collmenter scattered four hits over seven innings and Willie Bloomquist homered to start a three-run first and help Arizona beat Houston 6-3 on Wednesday night.

Paul Goldschmidt added a two-run single, Justin Upton went 3 for 4 with a double and a run scored, and Gerardo Parra had an RBI double for the Diamondbacks. Arizona won for the third time in four games and moved a half-game ahead of San Francisco in first place in the NL West.

Clint Barmes and Humberto Quintero had RBI singles and Carlos Lee added a run-scoring groundout for the Astros, who have lost five of six.

Collmenter (7-7) allowed two runs, walked one and struck out five. David Hernandez pitched the ninth inning for his 10th save.

## Phillies 9, Dodgers 8

In Los Angeles, Ryan Howard and Hunter Pence homered as Philadelphia overcame an early six-run deficit and completed a three-game sweep.

The Phillies won for the 12th time in 13 games and completed a 9-1 road trip. They improved baseball's best record to 77-40.

Down 6-0 after three innings, the Phillies scored four runs in the sixth for a 9-7 lead. Howard's 25th homer was a tiebreaking, two-run shot with two outs.

Kyle Kendrick (7-5) pitched one inning for the win after replacing starter Vance Worley.

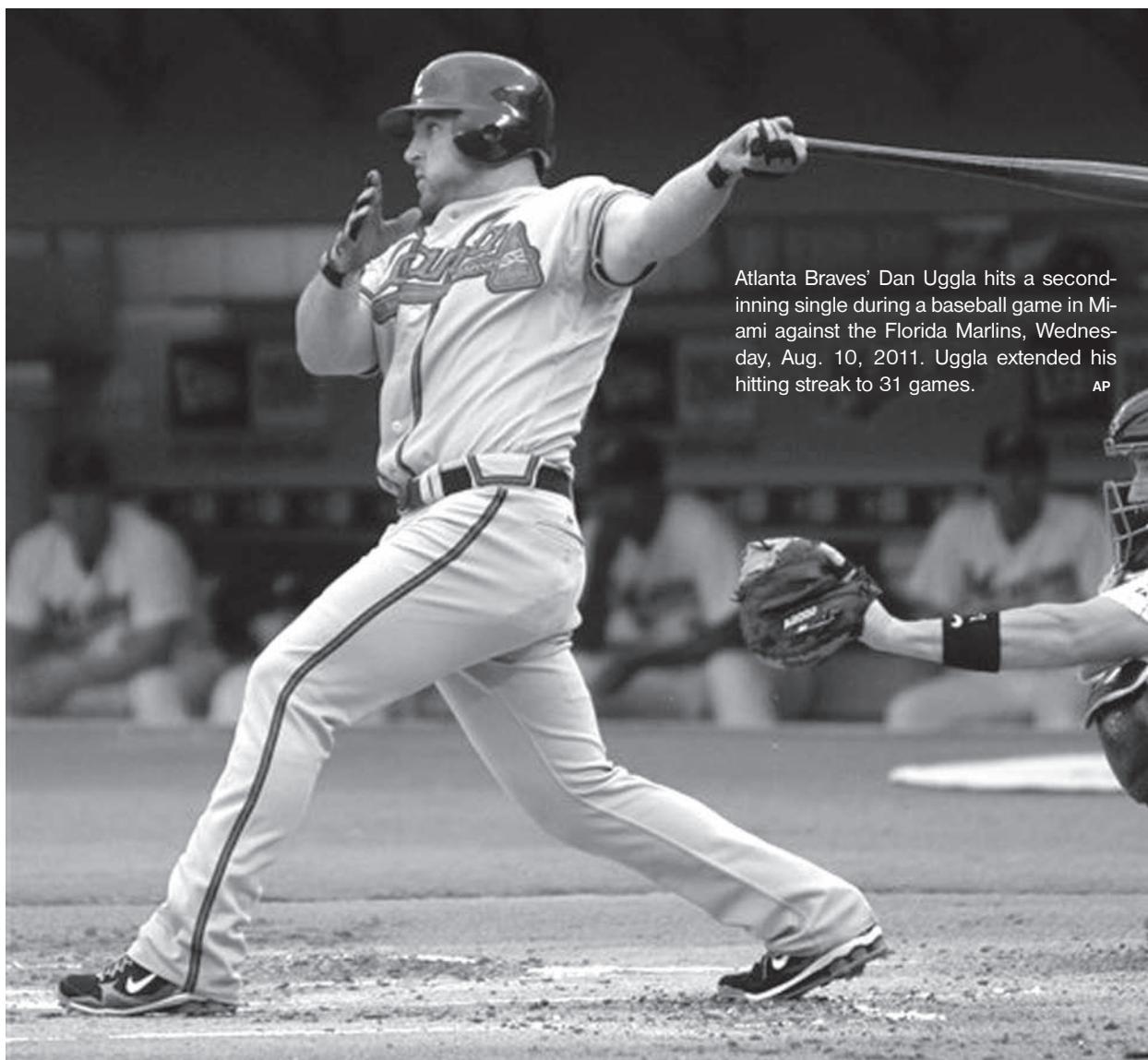
Ryan Madson, the sixth Phillies pitcher, got three outs for his 22nd save.

## Pirates 9, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer, Jeff Karstens bounced back from his worst start of the season and Pittsburgh won its first series in three weeks.

The Pirates took two of three from the reigning World Series champions on the heels of a 10-game losing streak.

Garrett Jones added an RBI single to back Karstens (9-6), who struck out a career-high nine, ended a four-start winless stretch. He gave up a season-high nine runs and nine hits in a 15-5



Atlanta Braves' Dan Uggla hits a second-inning single during a baseball game in Miami against the Florida Marlins, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011. Uggla extended his hitting streak to 31 games. AP

loss at San Diego last Friday.

Pablo Sandoval homered for the Giants, who dropped a half-game behind first-place Arizona in the NL West.

## Brewers 5, Cardinals 1

In St. Louis, Randy Wolf pitched eight innings and Milwaukee jumped on Jake Westbrook to give the NL Central leader its 13th win in 14 games.

Prince Fielder had a sacrifice fly in the first inning and an RBI double in the third to help the Brewers open a five-game lead on the second-place Cardinals.

Milwaukee clinched only its fifth road series win of the season and will try for a three-game sweep Thursday. The Brewers have taken four of five from St. Louis this month.

The Brewers are 41-15 at home and just 26-35 on the road, but are one win away from a perfect 6-0 trip.

## Reds 3, Rockies 2

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto hit the last of Cincinnati's three solo homers, spoiling Kevin Millwood's return to the majors.

Votto's leadoff homer in the sixth snapped a 2-all tie and put the Reds in position for their second win in the last seven games. Edgar Renteria and Jay Bruce also homered off the 36-year-old Millwood, who signed a contract before the game.

Mike Leake (10-7) gave up 11 hits in 7 1-3 innings, including Troy Tulowitzki's solo homer, but managed to become the Reds' first 10-game winner.

Millwood was doing fine until Renteria led off the fourth with a homer. Renteria has a .326 career batting average off Millwood with three homers. One out later, Bruce hit his second homer of the series for a 2-0 lead.

## Padres 9, Mets 5

In New York, Will Venable had four

hits and San Diego's bullpen rebounded from consecutive flops to hold off New York.

An error by second baseman Logan Forsythe allowed the Mets to cut the deficit to four in the ninth inning. With the bases loaded, Forsythe made a leaping grab of Willie Harris' line drive for the final out.

Aaron Harang (11-3) won his second straight start despite giving up at least 10 hits in each outing. Cameron Maybin had two RBIs and the Padres built a cushion with a three-run ninth.

Venable tripled, singled and doubled twice for the Padres.

Josh Thole had four of New York's 15 hits. Ruben Tejada added three hits for the Mets, who stranded 13 runners.

## Cubs 4, Nationals 2

In Chicago, Reed Johnson, Alfonso Soriano, and Geovany Soto homered for Chicago, which has connected in eight straight games and hit 19 home runs over that stretch.

Johnson added three singles in his seventh career four-hit game. Soriano doubled and drove in two runs and Soto scored twice.

Rodrigo Lopez (3-3) allowed one earned run and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. Carlos Marmol struck out three in a scoreless ninth for his 25th save.

Ross Detwiler (1-2) gave up three runs and seven hits over five innings. He fell to 0-8 in 16 career road appearances, including 10 starts.

Jayson Werth hit a solo home run and singled for Washington.

## Indians 10, Tribes 3

In Cleveland, Ubaldo Jimenez won in his home debut and rookie Jason Kipnis went 5 for 5 with four runs and three RBIs as Cleveland shaved another game off Detroit's lead in the AL Central with a 10-3 victory Wednesday night.

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## Yankees 9, Angels 3

In New York, Curtis Granderson hit a three-run homer off Garrett Richards before the rookie got his first major league out and New York snapped its three-game losing streak.

Granderson added his 31st homer. Robinson Cano tacked on a two-run shot in the seventh, getting within a single of hitting for the cycle.

Ivan Nova (11-4) took over the big league lead in wins for rookies, allowing three runs and five hits in six innings.

Peter Bourjos homered and Vernon Wells hit an RBI single for the Angels, who lost for the fourth time in 13 games.

## Rays 8, Royals 7

In St. Petersburg, Sam Fuld hit a game-tying triple and then scored on an errant throw to complete Tampa Bay's five-run ninth inning.

Fuld hit a drive to right center off closer Joakim Soria (5-5) and wound up scoring the winning run when second baseman Johnny Giavotella was charged with an error for a bad relay throw to third.

After Aaron Crow gave up consecutive singles in the ninth, Soria entered and gave up an RBI double to Evan Longoria, a run-scoring grounder by Ben Zobrist and Casey Kotchman's RBI infield single before Fuld's two-out hit. Soria has blown seven saves in 28 opportunities this season.

Melky Cabrera homered and drove in five runs for Kansas City. He had two sacrifice flies and extended the lead to 7-3 with a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Jake McGee (1-1).

Matt Joyce homered for the Rays. Johnny Damon singled in the ninth to tie George Davis for 65th place on the career hits list with 2,683.

## Orioles 6, White Sox 4, 10 innings

In Baltimore, Nolan Reimold hit a two-run homer off Jason Frasor in the 10th inning, and Baltimore ended Chicago's five-game winning streak.

J.J. Hardy went 4 for 5 with a home run for the last-place Orioles, who blew a four-run lead before winning for the second time in eight games.

After Chris Davis singled off Frasor (2-2) with one out in the 10th, Reimold hit the next pitch over the wall in center.

Mike Gonzalez (2-2) worked the 10th for the Orioles, who also got a home run from Adam Jones.

## Blue Jays 8, Athletics 4

In Toronto, Brett Lawrie hit his first career grand slam for Toronto.

The Athletics were seeking their fourth consecutive win, all coming on the road. Instead they dropped to 6-11 in their last 17 games in Toronto, dating to 2009.

Promoted from Triple-A on Friday, Lawrie drove a 2-0 pitch from left-hander Craig Breslow(notes) into the bullpen in left in the sixth. He doubled off the wall in left in the eighth. He went 2 for 4 and is hitting .389 in five games since his promotion.

Casey Janssen (4-0) got one out for the victory and Jesse Litsch gave up a ninth-inning homer to Josh Willingham(notes) but worked the final 2 2-3 innings for his first career save.

# Hall gives Rodman recognition for hoops skills



**NEW YORK (AP)**--The outrageous outfits and tabloid tales guaranteed Dennis Rodman fame long after he finished running with the Bulls.

He was in Mexico about five years ago on a midnight run for tacos—the fun often started for Rodman around midnight when a group of girls approached and started screaming his name.

An amused Rodman turned to his agent and marveled, "Dude, these girls never saw me play basketball."

And what a player they missed.

Rodman will get recognition for his often overlooked accomplishments on the court Friday when he is enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Two-time Olympic gold medalist Chris Mullin is the other headline name, becoming the 11th member of the famed 1992 Dream Team to earn enshrinement as an individual. Big men Artis Gilmore and Arvydas Sabonis; eight-time NBA champion Tom "Satch" Sanders of the Celtics; five-time Olympic gold medalist Teresa Edwards; coaching greats Tex Winter, Tara VanDerveer and Herb Magee; and the late Reece "Goose" Tatum of the Harlem Globetrotters also will be honored at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Mass.

All greats of the sport, but none as colorful or controversial as Rodman.

He's probably better known for wearing a wedding dress than a Detroit or Chicago uniform, and he's aware that his antics turned off plenty. But beneath the piercings and tattoos was someone serious about his basketball, and only a few have won more often than he did since entering the NBA a quarter-century ago as a second-round pick of the Pistons.

"None of my teammates had no problem with me," Rodman said in a phone interview. "And I



This May 19, 1996, file photo shows Chicago Bulls' forward Dennis Rodman (91) grabbing one of his 21 rebounds during the fourth quarter of Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals against the Orlando Magic, in Chicago.

always say to myself, if anyone has a problem with Dennis Rodman, all you've got to do is look at the record. Every team I went to, I won, and I was a big, major part of that team."

Indeed, he went 636-275, a .698 winning percentage that since his career started is bettered only by San Antonio's trio of Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker and Tim Duncan, accord-

ing to STATS, LLC. Rodman led the league in rebounding an NBA-record seven straight seasons, won consecutive Defensive Player of the Year awards, and won back-to-back titles with the Pistons before teaming with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen for three in a row with the Bulls.

And he had plenty of fun doing it.

A brief marriage to Carmen Electra and a relationship with Madonna took him from the sports pages to the gossip ones, and he's lived there well past his NBA career ended in 2000.

"The last maybe 13 years, people always ask, 'What are you doing?' I say I don't do anything. I don't even have a job, but you always see me on TV, I'm always somewhere around the press or somewhere like on a red carpet," Rodman said. "At least once a week or twice a week, you probably hear my name on TV or see me in all the tabloids or something like that, and I don't even have a job. I must be doing something right."

Mullin has stayed in the game, building the Golden State Warriors, his longtime team, into a playoff club as general manager and currently working as an analyst for ESPN. A seemingly automatic left-handed jumper led him to a decorated college career at St. John's, Olympic gold medals in 1984 and '92 and five All-Star selections, none of which he saw coming when he started playing basketball growing up in Brooklyn.

"Even back in grade school if I looked at my skill set, I probably should have played baseball, I probably should have stuck to swimming. But I always really loved basketball," Mullin said. "The way I was taught to play it didn't emphasize athleticism, thank God. The game, it was passing."

"When I started playing in Harlem and in the city, I always tried to figure out how I could fit in rather than try to emulate. I knew there were

some things I was never going to be able to do, but also some things I did that they didn't do. Even at St. John's as a freshman I felt very overwhelmed physically. I was slow and just little by little as the game evolved to a team game it made more sense to me, I could figure out where to fit in. It became more of a natural fit."

Success also came later to Rodman, who didn't even play as a high schooler in Dallas before spending his final three collegiate seasons at Southeastern Oklahoma State, an NAIA school. Though it's natural to recall his Bulls teams, Rodman has special fondness for the "Bad Boy" Pistons where he got his start.

He was in the audience last year for Pippen's induction and had no problem envisioning himself being honored, even with a career scoring average of only 7.3 points.

"Not to sound too straightforward, but I could have been in the last two or three years, but you know how politics works," Rodman said. "But I'm in man, it's all good."

And fear not: He insists there will be no dress, but definitely "real cool stuff to wear onstage."

He's busy "living life on the edge" and "taking the bull by the horns," doing the things that fascinated fans during his playing career. He was involved in pro wrestling and is still working with former tag team partner Hulk Hogan on a weight loss challenge program. (details at <http://www.dennisrodmanschallenge.com>.)

Even now, only a hair appointment could slow him down long enough to get on the phone before heading off to basketball's birthplace. And he should feel right at home - Friday's coverage on NBA TV includes a red carpet show.

"I don't have a TV job, I don't have a radio show, I don't have a TV show, I don't have the internet," Rodman said. "But I can go anywhere in the world, literally, on a red carpet, anything, and walk right in like I'm like one of those movie stars. It's insane dude."

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# Woods in spotlight for all wrong reasons



**J O H N S**  
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(AP)—Even as he took the high road

Wednesday in a nasty split with his longtime caddie, Tiger Woods lowered his standard of success on the eve of the PGA Championship. It wasn't long ago that Woods said it couldn't be a great year without winning a major.

Now he would consider the year a success because he no longer hurts.

To be clear, he is thinking only about winning when the PGA Championship gets under way Thursday in the stifling heat at Atlanta Athletic Club. That much hasn't changed, and probably never will.

Asked for a realistic expectation in the final major—remember, this is only his third time teeing it up since April and he hasn't won any tournament in 21 months—Woods said a "W."

"Do you want me to elaborate?" he added. "A nice W."

But he sounded as though he were looking at the bigger picture. Success is measured differently these days because of injuries to his left knee and Achilles tendon that have made it difficult to walk, play and even practice as much as he would prefer. At least now he is able to hit balls as long as he wants after his rounds. He no longer has to put ice on his leg.

For Woods, that's a victory in itself.

And that's why when asked if the season could end without a win and still be a success, Woods replied, "Yeah."

"In order to win, I had to be healthy," he said. "That's what we're trying to get to. Now I can go. Now I can do the work. I can do the practice sessions,

and I think that's the only way that my game will get to where I need to get to."

He doesn't seem to be going anywhere at the moment.

Woods remains the central figure at the PGA Championship, as he has been at the majors since his career began, only this time it's for all the wrong reasons. If it's not the longest drought of his career, or a bum leg that kept him out of the last two majors, the latest soap opera involves his ex-caddie.

Steve Williams, whom Woods fired last month, is now working for Adam Scott and took a dig at Woods on Sunday when his new boss won a World Golf Championship at Firestone. Williams, on the bag for 13 of Woods' majors, called it the "best win" of his career.

Woods refused to nibble.

"I was happy to see Stevie and Adam win," Woods said, adding that he sent Williams a "nice text" after the round.

Then there was the photo taken Tuesday of Williams and Mark Steinberg, Woods' agent, having a chat under a tree (next to a fire hydrant, of all things). Woods confirmed they spoke, offering no other details.

He later said any text messages between him and Williams were private, and asked what caused Williams to sound so motivated, Woods said he wasn't going to speculate.

Williams, meanwhile, posted a statement on his website—he also is a race car driver in New Zealand and runs a charity—that he was surprised to be interviewed after the round at Firestone and his emotions got the best of him.

"I apologize to my fellow caddies and professionals for failing to mention Adam's outstanding performance," Williams said.

didn't do our planning before we went into the lockout."

Mankins, a restricted free agent going into last season, played the last nine regular-season games and the team's only playoff game and was chosen for the Pro Bowl.

The Patriots made him their franchise player in February, but both sides kept working on a long-term contract. A player given the franchise tag must be paid the average of the top five salaries at his position. He also said he wanted to be traded.

"Growing up, I was taught a man's word is his bond," he said in June 2010. "Obviously, this isn't the case with the Patriots."

He later apologized.

"All I know is," Kraft said Wednesday, "any face-to-face discussions I've had (with Mankins) or any private discussions have all been positive."

Mankins started all 80 regular-season games and nine playoff games in his first five seasons and all 10 games he played last season.

## Mankins gets 6-year deal with Patriots



**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** (AP)—New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft wanted to keep Logan Mankins with the team for a long time. It looks as if he got his wish.

The three-time Pro Bowl left guard who missed the first seven games last season because of a 4 1/2-month contract holdout has agreed to a six-year deal with the team, according to ESPN.

The Patriots had no comment on the report. Mankins' agent, Frank Bauer, didn't respond to a request for comment.

Earlier Wednesday, Kraft indicated that a long-term deal with Mankins, entering his seventh season, was imminent.

"Probably you'll see our good friend Logan Mankins will be signed up soon, hopefully to be a Patriot for life," he said. "That couldn't have happened if we



AP  
Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker on the 15th hole during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.

"I would like to thank all those fans at Firestone who made this victory the most special of my career."

So if nothing else, the "best win" was downgraded to "most special."

None of this matters to the other players at Atlanta Athletic Club, least of all U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy. The 22-year-old from Northern Ireland is among the favorites as he tries to turn a great year into a stupendous one.

McIlroy, who made it clear at the British Open last month

that he prefers to play when it's warm, sunny and 80 degrees, must really love Atlanta. It's hot, sunny and pushing 100. The kid had a four-shot lead going into the final round of the Masters, and shattered the scoring record when he won the U.S. Open at Congressional. As for the PGA?

"I felt as if this and the Masters would probably be the two that suited me most," McIlroy said.

The Highlands course is

7,470 yards, the longest ever for a par 70 in major championship history. Odds are it won't

play that long because the hot air will make the ball travel even farther. David Toms, a medium-length hitter, won the PGA the last time it was at this golf course 10 years ago.

Woods is considered long again. He spoke last week - and his pairing with Bubba Watson in the third round at Firestone appeared to confirm this - that he is hitting it farther without swinging very hard. The trouble is his short game.

The 16th hole early Wednesday seemed to sum it up.

First came a hearty cheer

month). It could be week one. You never know."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin told reporters Wednesday after meeting with Smith that he believed Smith faced a "long haul" before he could play again.

"I would disagree with that," Smith said. "I feel good. I've been running, cutting, doing different things. I haven't had any setbacks."

Smith said he was examined by doctors from both the Giants and Eagles and said both gave him a positive report.

Asked why Coughlin might have indicated that Smith faced a longer rehab than Smith's doctors expressed to him, Smith said, "Maybe Coughlin had a plan up his sleeve when he said that. We'll see what happens when I get out on the field."

Smith said he believes the real reason the Giants didn't want him was financial.

"Yeah, shoot," he said.

Smith said he couldn't speculate exactly when he'll be able to return to practice.

from the fans gathered around the green to see Woods hit his long approach up the hill to just inside 3 feet. Then came a lone voice of surprise from a fan who couldn't believe Woods' missed the putt.

The pin was still in. It's just a practice round. Still, this is the day that Woods plays his first ball on every shot as a way to get ready for the real competition. The best that can be said of Woods is he has potential.

He at least looked more relaxed facing the largest audience of the week in the press center. He was glib, only it came off as funny instead of condescending. He went into depth with some of his answers. That also might have been related to the state of his leg.

"I was frustrated early in the year because, especially at the Masters ... because I just wasn't feeling well," he said. "And it's been frustrating. But now that I'm healthy, it's so much easier to be patient because I feel good. I have way more energy because I'm not trying to block out pain. I can just go out there and play golf."

The question is how long he can play.

Woods is at No. 129 in the FedEx Cup standings, and this is his last tournament before the top 125 qualify for the playoffs.

He would need to finish about 25th at the PGA Championship - that used to be considered a bad week at a major for Woods - or else he will not be eligible to play anywhere in America for at least five weeks.

All he is thinking about now is what's in front of him in Atlanta.

"We have four times a year in which we play for these things," Woods said. "And that's all I'm concerned about."

"I'm not sure," he said. "If it was up to me, I would say I could go practice tomorrow, but I want to be extra careful and don't want to rush it and have any setbacks. Hopefully, I'll be able to get out there really soon."

Smith enters a crowded wide receiving field with the Eagles, who also have two-time Pro Bowl pick DeSean Jackson; Jeremy Maclin, who caught 70 passes last year but hasn't practiced yet this training camp because of an undisclosed illness; Jason Avant, who caught 50 passes last year; and second-year pro Riley Cooper.

"We feel very good about our current group of receivers and Steve adds another dimension to that position," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He's played very well against us in the past few years and we're happy to have him on board."

Although Smith was almost exclusively an inside slot receiver in his four years with the Giants, Smith said he's equally comfortable in any role.

He was one of 10 players





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# 4 CNMI jr. netters make semis



**Ackerman**



**Rastguyi**



**Dela Cruz**



**Lopez**

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**T**he CNMI's U12 players are living up to expectations, as three marched into the semifinals of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after the completion of pool plays last Wednesday in Lautoka, Fiji.

Gaining semis tickets for the Commonwealth are Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguyi, and Carl Dela Cruz. The trio advanced to the next round after winning their last pool game in Day 3 of the competition at the Regional Tennis Centre.

Rastguyi won over Samoa's

Lyla Tapusoa in Day 3, 6-2, 6-0, to finish the elimination round with a 3-1 record. She dropped her opening match against Ackerman in Pool B and then swept her Day 2 assignments after winning over the Cook Islands' Kiana Sword-Tua, 6-1, 6-1, and stunning Fiji's Mulan Kamoe, 6-4, 6-3.

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## NMIFA ref gets feel of EAFF game



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association referee Adam Whitty, seventh from left, poses with officials in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament at the Taipei Municipal Stadium, in Taipei, Taiwan, last month.

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**Northern Mariana Islands Football Association**  
Northern Mariana Islands Football Association referee Adam Whitty got a share from the CNMI's historic stint in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament as he officiated a couple of games in last month's event.

"He was sent as a referee rep-

resentative from NMIFA and went through a rigorous physical test and passed. As a result, he was able to officiate as an assistant referee in three games and was also the fourth official in many of the games. It was a first for NMIFA to have one of our officials participate as a referee in an EAFF-sanctioned international match. So, not only did our boys make history, but also Adam and it was a success for our referee pro-

gram," NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

For his part, Whitt said officiating EAFF games was a very fun, but challenging experience.

"Last August, I took a basic referee training course, my first one, and began refereeing in October. When Ed Salas contacted me in June about this opportunity to referee at the youth tournament, I felt extremely honored but also hesitant. I had been refereeing for

less than 10 months at that point and I knew I would be facing a whole new level of competition," the Eucon International School teacher said.

Whitty arrived in Taipei, Taiwan with the CNMI U18 National Team on July 18 and the following day, he quickly underwent a test.

"On Tuesday morning we took our physical exam at the Taipei Municipal Stadium. It

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## Rematch in Rotary caging opener

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Last year's finalists Ol'Aces and Sonics are up for an early rematch as they square off in the opening game in the 19th Annual Rotary Club of Saipan Youth Basketball League today at the TSL Sports Complex.

Game time for the U19 division is set for 4:45pm. Joining the defending champions Ol'Aces and runners-up Sonics in the youth caging are Proa, Rollers, the Chalan Kanoa Blazers, the San Antonio Sixers Susupe Hi-5, and teams from

Tanapag, Kagman, and Tinian.

"We are going to start the U19 season [today] and will hopefully hold a second game after the opener, but the second match pairing has yet to be determined," league commissioner Abner Venus said.

Organizers added games schedule in the U19 division will also be released later.

This year's Rotary league will also have separate competitions for U15 and U12 divisions, but starting dates are still pending, as organizers are planning to have a meeting next week to iron out final arrangements.

At present, six teams are confirmed to play in the U15

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The Sonics' Tristan Ecalnea, center, goes up for a shot against two Rollers C defenders during their playoff game in last year's Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## IT&E Awesome upsets Shirley's B

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**IT&E Awesome** handed Shirley's B its first loss in the women's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League after the former eked out a 3-2 victory on Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Connie Camacho made the big difference for IT&E Awesome, drilling all the team's three goals to stun the then unbeaten Shirley's B. IT&E Awesome

improved to a 4-2-0 win-loss-draw record and moved up from fourth to third place, while Shirley's B fell to second with its 5-1-0 card, a win behind Shirley's A (6-0-0).

Camacho put IT&E Awesome in the scoreboard in the first half, but the team was still behind after 25 minutes of play, as Shirley's B made a pair of goals. Alexa Vergara and Mariele Gariguez had one goal apiece for Shirley's B in the opening frame.

Then in the second half, Camacho added two more goals to

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